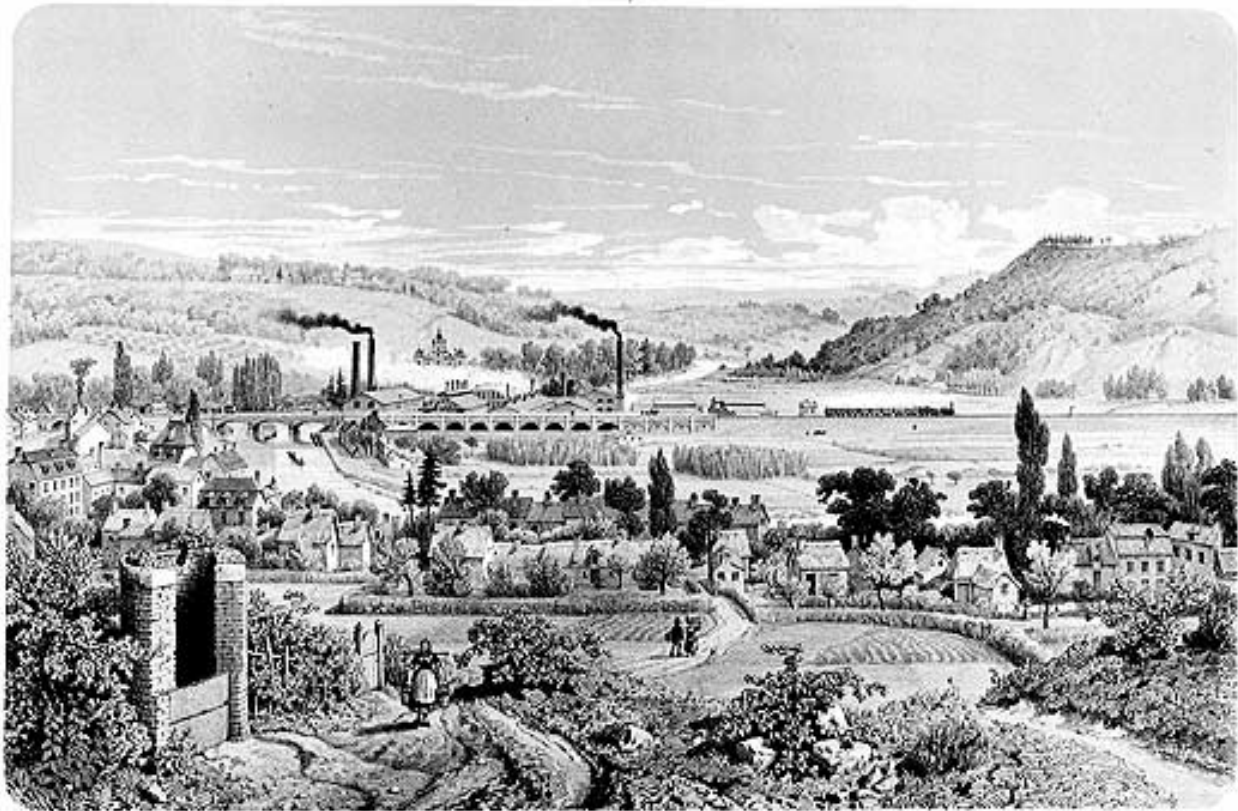


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Dear Members,

The past three months have been busy months for me. But for those with whom I interact occasionally, you will ask: "What else is new?"! With four sons still at home, how dull can life be?

The release of the 1880 US Census on cd-rom has been quite a discovery for many of us. I am still stunned at the wonderful price tag of \$49, no shipping fees!

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It has opened up a new world of possibilities as one of the features allows to find people of Belgian descent alone.

The human factor is definitely present in these cds however and double-checking against the original microfilmed records always helps. Let's face it, we are dealing with the reality of human error twice: the census taker, who heard the information (names) pronounced a certain way and wrote it the way he heard, and then the extractor, who had to read the handwriting of the census taker, and that can be a feat all by itself!

Still this tool will help you in your research if you have families living in the US in 1880.

There are copyright laws that do not permit me to publish these lists here or on our "Yahoo" page or anywhere else, but these lists could be valuable clues to creating new population lists for areas we do not get much feedback on, but who had their own Belgian emigrants.

With the year coming to a close, I would like to remind everyone that the subscriptions run from January to January and so even if you renewed recently, you will need to send in your dues for 2002 before the end of Jan 2002.

You might like to know that for the next 5 years, your contributions (dues) to The Belgian Researchers will be considered a tax-deductible item off your Federal taxes.

We have had to make some adjustments and will try not to raise the dues for 2002. The idea of using the internet is enticing to me, but more than half of our membership does not use the internet and even then, the format is sometimes lost. I encourage you to go to the Yahoo page to access old issues of Belgian Laces as well as databases of what films are available at the Peru FHC if you need me to do a look-up. I am sometimes slow, but am always more than willing to help you.

I hope to get more on the other regions soon. In the meantime, Enjoy!

Have a Wonderful Autumn Season!

Régine

The Belgian Jesuits in the Middle United States (Part 1)

By Chuck Van Den Eeden

" In early 1823, a group of Jesuits; Priests, Brothers, Seminary Students and 4 "servants" left White Marsh, Maryland, followed the Cumberland Road to Wheeling, W. Virginia on the Ohio River. They boarded flatboats and continued on to Shawneetown, Illinois. Walking 150 miles NW across Illinois, they arrived in St. Louis, Mo. On May 31, 1823.

Shortly thereafter, a Seminary was founded in Florissant, Mo. And it operated into the 1900s. These Jesuits worked as missionaries mainly among the Indian tribes locally and as far West as the Rocky Mountains. The Seminary grounds now house the Museum of the Western Jesuits.

Over the years the Seminary was active, a number of trips to Europe were made to recruit students for the Seminary. These trips were usually by the renowned Jesuit, Father Peter John De Smet SJ. The newly recruited students were primarily from Belgium with others coming from Netherlands, France, Luxembourg, Germany and Italy.

The Museum grounds include a cemetery where about 100 Jesuits are buried. No lay people are buried there.

The following list contains the names of Jesuit Priests, Brothers, Seminary Students and a few lay people whose names appeared to be of Belgian origin. These names have been extracted from archive records furnished by Nancy Merz, Archivist, Midwest Jesuit Archives, 4511 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108-2191. "

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- 13] Book: The Jesuits of the Middle United States - excerpts pages 646-660

Key

Fr.	Father/Priest
Sem Stu	Seminary Student
Bro.	Brother/Religious
SJ	Society of Jesus
Lay Person	Not a religious/Citizen

Ackmal,	Father		
Aelen, Louis	Seminary Student	b 31 Oct 1828	d ?
Aerts, William J.	Sem. Stu.	b 28 Oct 1848	d ? Left the Society of Jesus
Arnoudt, Peter J.	Sem. Stu.	b 11 May 1811	d 29 July 1865
Aubert, Cyprian	Brother	b 1814	d 1888
Baboz,	Fr. ?		
Bauhaus, John A.	SJ/Father	b 1840	d 1886
Bax, John J.	Sem. Stu.	b 14 Jan 1817	d 5 Aug 1852
Beckaert, Charles	Lay Person		
Behiels, Edmund E.	Sem. Stu.	b 25 Dec 1871	d 10 Aug 1947
Beile, August	Sem. Stu.	b 1859	d 1881
Bergin, John F.	SJ/ Fr.	b1854	d 1886
Beyens,	Bro		
Blanc, Antione	Bishop		
Bocklage, Clement	Sem. Stu.	b 1821	d 1861
Boex, Mark A.	Sem. Stu.	b 13 Dec 1813	d 26 Nov 1840
Boian, Sherwood	SJ/Fr.		
Boosemans, Ferdinand	SJ Fr.	b 1823	d 1878
Boudreaux, Isadore J.	SJ/Fr.	b 1817	d 1885
Boyle, Patrick	Sem. Stu.	b 14 Oct 1859	d ?
Brandts, Everhard	Sem Stu		
Bruysschart, Leopold	see Bushart		
Bushart, Leopold	Sem. Stu.	b 27 Jan 1833	d 1 Sept 1909
Busschotts, James	SJ/ Fr.	b 22 June 1796	d 26 Aug. 1875
Carrell, George	Fr./SemStu		
Claessens, William	Bro./Sem. Stu.	b 8 April 1811	d ?
Converse, James M. J.	SJ/Fr.	b 1814	d 1881

Coosemans, John F.	Sem. Stu.	b 5 Feb 1823	d 7 Feb 1878
Coppens, Charles	Sem Stu	b 14.May 1835	d 14 Dec 1920
Costa, Emmanuel	SJ/Fr.	b 1815	d 1855
Crabeels, William J.	Sem. Stu.	b 1810	Left Society of Jesus
Curtit, Irene	Lay Person		
Damen, Arnold	SJ/Fr.	b 1815	d 1890
D'Arcy, Ambrose L.	Sem. Stu.	b 1850	d 1875
de Andreis, Felix	Fr./Vincentian		
De Blieck, John	Sem. Stu.	b 16 Feb 1821	d 30 May 1883
DeBruyn, Aegidius	SJ/Fr.	b 18 Jan.1803	d 10 Sept. 1838
DeBruyn, John F.	Bro.	b 25 July 1814	d 4 Nov 1865
De Coen, Francis X.	Sem. Stu.	b 19 Dec 1811	d 16 July 1864
Dedeckmyn, Edmund	Sem. Stu.	b 9 July 1842	d ?
De Haza-Radlitz	SJ/Fr.	b 1830	d 1884
d'Hoop, Francis	Sem Stu		
De Leeuw, Theodore	Fr.		
Delihant, James	SJ/Fr.	b 1858	d 1885
de Maillet, Francis			Left Society of Jesus
De Meester, Peter J.	SJ/Fr.	b 6 Oct 1817	d 31 July 1892
DeMeyer, Peter	Bro.	b 30 Nov 1793 in Grammont	d 1 Sept 1878 in Florissant, Missouri
De Neckre, Leo	Bishop		
Depelchin, Gustave A.	Sem. Stu.	b 14 Sept 1831	d?
De Schryver, Augustine	Bro.	b 12 Apr 1820	d 4 Feb 1842
De Schryver, John	Sem. Stu.	b 26 Oct 1849	d ?
De Smedt, Joseph P.	Sem. Stu.	b 24 Sept 1857	d 27 June 1937
De Smet, Peter John	SJ/Fr.	b 30 Jan 1801 in Termonde	d 23 May 1873 in St. Louis, MO
De Theux, Theodore M.J.	SJ/Fr.	b 1789	d 1846
De Vonder, Romualdus	Sem. Stu.	b 10 Aug 1856	d ?
De Vos,	Fr.?		
De Vriendt, Louis	Bro./Sem.Stu.	b 24 Feb 1820	d 8 Apr 1883
De Young, James F.	Sem Stu		Left the Society of Jesus
D'Hoop, Francis X.	Sem. Stu.	b 4 Jan 1813	d 23 Mar 1855
Diels, John F.	Sem Stu.	b 10 Oct 1821	d 17 Dec 1878
Dirckx, Pierre	Layman		
Dohan, Edward	Bro	b 1815	d 1883
Doherty, John	SJ/Fr.	b 1827	d 1876
Duchesne, Philippine	Mother/Nun		
Duerinck, John B.	Sem. Stu.	b 8 May 1809	d 9 Dec 1857
Dumottier,	Fr.		
Druyts, John B.	SJ/Fr.	b 8 Dec. 1811	d 18 June 1861
Elet, John Anthony	SJ/Fr.	b 19 Feb 1802 in St-Amand [Anvers]	d 2 Oct 1851 in Florissant, MO
Elet, Charles Louis	SJ/Fr.	b 21 Oct 1812	d 23 Mar 1849
Emig,	Fr.		
Eysvogels, Anthony	Fr.		
Frank, Isidore	Sem. Stu.	b 7 Apr 1837	d 19 Feb 1897
Galvin, James	Sem. Stu.	b 1833	d 1855
Geekie, John J.	Bro.	b 1856	d 1893
Geerts, William	Bro.	b 20 Feb 1816	d ?
Geiger, Thomas	Sem. Stu.	b 1856	Left Society of Jesus
Germin, Matthew	SJ		d 1879
Geurts, John Francis	Sem. Stu.	b Apr 1818	d 1 June 1842
Gleizal, John L.	Fr.	b 1808	d 1859
Goeldin,	Fr.		
Goessens, Francois	Layman		
Goosens, Henry	Sem Stu		
Goris, Henry	Bro./Sem. Stu.	b 15 Jan 1864	d ?
Haering,	Fr.		
Helias,	Fr.		
Hellers, Francis A.	Bro.	b 1826	d. 1891

Belgian Janitors in Chicago (Part 2)

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- ABATTE, Alfons
 ° ca 1878/1879; † 10 Jul 1954
 ABATTE, Oscar L, Spouse: Virginia F [ABATTE]
 ° 12 Dec 1913, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois; † 2 Feb 1995
 [ABATTE], Virginia F, Spouse: Oscar L ABATTE
 ° 11 Aug 1916, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 ABENDROTH, William G
 ° 16 Jul 1926, Chicago, Cook, Illinois; † 27 Feb 1994
 ABTS, August, Spouse: Caroline Lucia VERSTAPPEN
 ° 1896, Antwerpen; † 9 Feb 1957
 ABTS, Norbert, Spouse: Josepha JACOBS
 ° 10 Jun 1910, Belgium; † 8 Nov 1977, Illinois
 [ACKERMANS], Helena, Spouse: Victor F ACKERMANS
 ° 30 Oct 1900, Antwerpen; † 15 Dec 1965
 ACKERMANS, Victor F, Spouse: Helena [ACKERMANS]
 ° 3 Jul 1898, Antwerpen; † 3 Apr 1997
 ADAMS, Franklin T, Spouse: Martha [ADAMS]
 ° 29 Dec 1912, Eagle River, Vilas, Wisconsin; † 7 Jan 1964
 [ADAMS], Martha, Spouse: Franklin T ADAMS
 ° 20 Sep 1911, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 AGAPIA, [Private], Spouse: [Private] [AGAPIA]
 ° 11 Mar 1930, Romania
 [AGAPIA], [Private], Spouse: [Private] AGAPIA
 ° 11 Jul 1940, Detroit, Wayne, Michigan
 ALBRECHT, Charles, Spouse: Leona [ALBRECHT]
 ° ca 1886/1910; † 29 Jun 1955
 [ALBRECHT], Leona, Spouse: Charles ALBRECHT
 ° 6 Sep 1898, Belgium; † Dec 1988
 ALBRECHT, Louise M, Spouse: Jerome Josef SYOEN
 ° bef 1904
 ALGOET, René Ernest, Spouse: Marie DE VOS
 ° 5 Jun 1889; † 2 Jun 1973, Reseda, Los Angeles, California
 ALICOATE, [Private], Spouse: [Private] VAN PAMEL
 ° 12 Dec 1926, Evanston, Cook, Illinois
 ALLEENE, Emma, Spouse: Achiël Joseph DOOMS
 ° 1870/1900
 [ALLONCIUS], nn, Spouse: Paul ALLONCIUS
 ° ca 1875/1899; † 1960
 ALLONCIUS, Paul, Spouse: Marie Alice EECKHAUT
 ° 8 Mar 1887; † 19 Sep 1979, Illinois
 AMSTADT, [Private], Spouse: [Private] HARTMANN
 ° 24 Mar 1934, Yugoslavia
 ANDERSEN, [Private], Spouse: [Private] [ANDERSEN]
 ° 3 Apr 1934, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 [ANDERSEN], [Private], Spouse: [Private] ANDERSEN
 ° 4 Sep 1943, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 [ANDRESEN], Lilian, Spouse: Walter ANDRESEN
 ° 7 Dec 1900, Vlissingen, Zeeuws Vlaanderen
 ANDRESEN, Walter, Spouse: Lilian [ANDRESEN]
 ° 17 Sep 1895, Oak Lawn, Cook, Illinois; † Jul 1978, Florida
 ANDRIES, [Private]
 ° 30 Jun 1939, Belgium
 ANDRISEN, James Albert
 ° 1895, Chicago, Cook, Illinois; † 23 Feb 1955
 ANGONE, Nicholas A, Spouse: Jenny M [ANGONE]
 ° 16 Jan 1920, Chicago, Cook, Illinois; † 13 Feb 1988
 [ANGONE], [Private], Spouse: [Private] ANGONE
 ° 22 Jul 1924, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 ANNAERT, August
 ° bef 1920; † 12 May 1949
 ANNAERT, Edmond
 ° bef 1920
 ANULIES, Katherine E, Spouse: Joseph BUYCK
 ° 8 Nov 1910, Saint Charles, Kane, Illinois
 ARADO, Irène Rose, Spouse: Robert VAN
 VAERENBERGH
 ° 1896/1920
 ARCHIBALD, Lucy M, Spouse: Peter VERGAUWEN
 ° 4 Jun 1884, Chicago, Cook, Illinois; † 24 Jun 1968,
 Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 AUCUNAS, Charles, Spouse: Jean [AUCUNAS]
 ° 15 Sep 1921, Cicero, Cook, Illinois; † 2 Apr 1989
 [AUCUNAS], [Private], Spouse: [Private] AUCUNAS
 ° 30 Sep 1932, Weyhauser, Wisconsin
 [AVERELL], [Private], Spouse: [Private] AVERELL [?]
 ° 2 May 1926, Antwerpen
 AVERELL [?], Willard G, Spouse: Mary [AVERELL]
 ° 18 Nov 1920, Sycamore, De Kalb, Illinois
 AYERS, Lester, Spouse: Sally [AYERS]
 ° 27 Apr 1940, La Follete, Tennessee; † 27 Jul 1999
 [AYERS], [Private], Spouse: [Private] AYERS
 ° 25 Sep 1943, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 AYKROID, [Private], Spouse: [Private] [AYKROID]
 ° 12 Jun 1939, Evanston, Cook, Illinois
 [AYKROID], [Private], Spouse: [Private] AYKROID
 ° 22 Feb 1940, Chicago, Cook, Illinois
 BADESCU, [Private], Spouse: [Private] [BADESCU]
 ° 18 Nov 1939, Romania
 [BADESCU], [Private], Spouse: [Private] BADESCU
 ° 22 Aug 1946, Cincinatti, Hamilton, Ohio
 BAERT, Charles L, Spouse: Jeanne A [BAERT]
 ° 30 Mar 1914, Antwerpen
 [BAERT], Cornelia, Spouse: Joe BAERT
 ° 20 Jul 1892, Antwerpen; † 7 Mar 1987, Kentucky
 BAERT, Emiel, Spouse: Emma [BAERT]
 ° 26 Apr 1922, Hontenisse, Zeeuws Vlaanderen; † 27 Mar
 1986
 BAERT, Joe, Spouse: Cornelia [BAERT]
 ° 1880/1904; † 17 Dec 1954
 [BAERT], [Private], Spouse: [Private] BAERT
 ° 14 Mar 1922, De Klinge
 [BAERT], [Private], Spouse: [Private] BAERT
 ° 24 Mar 1925, Wilrijk, Antwerpen
 BAES, Cyriel
 ° 31 Oct 1896; † 1 Mar 1967, Illinois
 BAETE, Florimond, Spouse: Margaret [BAETE]
 ° ca 1878/1902; † 18 Apr 1962
 [BAETE], Margaret, Spouse: Florimond BAETE
 ° 7 Aug 1890, Lokeren; † 15 Jul 1963

"DEATH INDEX SPAWNS MORE MORTIERS,"

by Michael John Neill

Note: The Rock Island Historical Society, is located in Moline, Illinois, not Rock Island as was stated in last week's article (<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/3910.asp>). I thank those who gently reminded me that I had apparently crossed the city border and not realized it. The inadvertent error indicates the importance of maps and other finding aides (which will be especially helpful for later census work on this family). Not being a native of the Quad Cities, confusion can easily happen (as several told me).

Despite the occasional confusion, I can get myself to at least three Whitey's Ice Cream locations on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River without any trouble at all.

THERE WERE BROTHERS

Almost every family starts with three or four brothers (or so it seems). This family was no different, except that the four-brother theory seems pretty solid.

Family tradition held that Belgian emigrants August Mortier (died XXX), Frederick MORTIER (died 1941), Kamiel MORTIER (died 1929) and Peter MORTIER were brothers who settled in Rock Island, Illinois.

The line of descent was through August, whose death record provided scant information on his origins in Belgium.

Using the Illinois Death Certificate Index (1916-47: available through the Illinois State Archives

(http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/ser_v_sta.html#vitalrec)

and on loan through the Family History Library) death certificates were located on Frederick and Kamiel. Both certificates

fortunately listed the same parents: Charles Mortier and Rosalie De Meyer (Demire). The relationship between these two men seemed to be clear (the chance they were unrelated with parents having the same name is pretty slight). Frederick's death certificate provided the birthplace of Hansbeke, Belgium.

If records in the states did not tie August (who was my focus) to the other Mortier men and if a complete search on August and August's children did not result in a birthplace for August I still had a lead. The informant on Frederick's death certificate was an August Mortier (relationship unstated), likely the son listed with Frederick in the 1900 Census

(<http://www.rootdig.com/census/1900frederickmortier.html>).

The name connection was a link (albeit a weak one) to the August Mortier. I couldn't connect my August with this Frederick, solely because Frederick had a son named August. I remembered that virtually ALL of my families from Ostfriesland Germany, had a son Johann or a son John and I wanted to be careful about making conclusions solely upon a name when I was still unfamiliar with the naming practices in a country where I had not done much research.

MORE THAN ONE PETER MORTIER?

The death certificate for Peter Mortier in 1918 in Henry County, Illinois, was initially a concern. Henry County is adjacent to Rock Island County and given the proximity this Peter could not easily be dismissed. The death certificate listed this Peter's parents as Jacob and Emlie (Claeys) Mortier, clearly different from the Charles and Rosalie listed as parents of Frederick and Kamiel. This Peter was born in

1873 and was aged 44 at his death and died in Henry County, Illinois. The Peter that I suspected was one of the Mortier brothers was born in 1859 per the 1900 Census for Rock Island, Illinois

(<http://www.rootdig.com/census/1900petermortier.html>).

While census ages can be incorrect, fourteen years is a significant difference. I decided (temporarily) that the Peter of Henry County was another Peter, perhaps related, perhaps not. Research would focus on Rock Island County for the time being, although follow up work on the Henry County Peter Mortier may be necessary, initially the 1900 and 1910 Census and obituary work.

HE WASN'T THE ROCK ISLAND PETER AFTER ALL

A search of Rock Island city directories indicated that a Peter Mortier was living in Rock Island in 1920 and beyond, still in close proximity to the other Mortier families. This made it fairly clear that there were two Peter Mortiers: Peter Mortier in Henry County and Peter Mortier in Rock Island County. I will keep the information on the Henry County Peter Mortier as it may be that he is a cousin or relative of the families that settled in Rock Island County.

I viewed the directories at the Rock Island Public Library and decided to begin my obituary work while at the library. The funeral notice (not the obituary) for Frederick provided significant information. As a matter of course with newspapers, one should not just stop when the obituary is located, but should also look in later newspapers for information regarding the funeral.

A funeral notice for Frederick Mortier from the 4 October 1941 Rock Island Argus provided details about the funeral, most interestingly: "Pallbearers will be Morris P. DeRidder, and Charles A. and Henry Mortier, all of Rock Island, all nephews of the deceased." Morris P. DeRidder was a new name to me, but the other references left me excited.

The 1900 Census lists Peter Mortier (Frederick's brother) with a son Charles. A Henry Mortier is known to be the son of August, suspected brother of Peter and Frederick. This obituary seemed to connect the four Belgian-born Mortier men (August, Peter, Frederick, and Kamiel) as brothers. Unless of course, there were multiple Charles or Henry Mortiers in Rock Island in 1941.

Unfortunately, I was out of time for more research at the Rock Island Public Library. Next on my list was to search the 1940 and 1941 directories for Rock Island to determine how many Henry and Charles Mortiers there were at that time. If there were more than one of each, I might have to re-think

my hypothesis. Unfortunately, Henry and Charles were not unusual names. A future article will discuss how the Mortier families were located in the 1920 Census, a census which answered some questions and provided additional information on the families.

Research in this article stemmed from the availability of a statewide death index. These records are not always available. There are some alternatives, and some brief suggestions which follow. Keep in mind that the efficacy of these approaches will vary from one time period to another and from one location to another. These suggestions are not meant to be all-encompassing, but merely some ideas to get you thinking of the possibilities. Death records (if there is not a comprehensive index) are organized by date of death (perhaps at best year) and if you do not have the death date searching may be prohibitive. The idea is to find some type of record that might suggest or provide person A's year of death without the researcher actually having to have person A's death date.

SOME IDEAS

1) Is it possible to search probate indexes or probate records? Probate records, while not created for every person who died, may allow the researcher to determine the year of death and in some cases, even pinpoint the date more exactly. These records are frequently indexed by surname. One index may cover several years and not require an exact date in order to be searched. There have been times when I have used a death date obtained in a probate to research death and other records. Earlier probate records generally do not provide the date of death, but if our focus is locating death certificates then the time period covered is generally post-1900 when probate records have a higher chance of either providing the death date or allowing us to estimate it within a year.

2) Track the individual in city directories and see when the person no longer appears. The lack of their name may also indicate that they were simply overlooked or have moved. If the widow is listed as such that's usually a pretty good clue.

3) If you know the cemetery where the person was buried, the tombstone (or transcriptions, either printed or online) may provide the date of death. If you are not certain of the cemetery, you may need to try ones nearby. For rural ancestors the choices may not be so daunting. For urban ancestors you may need to determine the ancestor's likely ethnic group or denomination and focus initially on cemeteries that catered to those groups.

4) If your ancestor received any type of military pension, those records may contain information on when the ancestor died and checks were no longer being issued.

5) Have any obituaries for the area been published or indexed?

6) Church records may also provide information about the date of death of their members.

7) Obituaries of other family members for whom you have a date of death (most notably spouse) may provide a death date or an approximate date given in reference to other events in the person's life.

Genealogical research is not done in a straight line. While we should organize our conclusions in that fashion (when possible), the actual research might not be quite so "straight line."

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1900 US Census Rock Island Co., IL

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Name	Relationship	Sex	Birth	Birth place	Immigrated	Occupation
COENE, Peter	X	M	Apr 1836	Belgium	1880-Na	sawyer
COENE, Rosalie	W	F	Aug 1839	Belgium	1880	
COENE, Camiele	S	M	Nov 1872	Belgium	1880	
COENE, Theophile	S	M	May 1879	Belgium	1880	
TILLEMANN, Mary	X	F	Aug 1859	Maine		
TILLEMANN, Frank	S	M	Mar 1880	IL (Belgian father)		bar tender
TILLEMANN, Edward	S	M	Jan 1883	IL (Belgian father)		painter
MERMUYS, Julius	X	M	Dec 1870	Belgium	1878-Na	Blacksmith helper
MERMUYS, Emma	W	F	Jul 1876	Belgium	1890	
MERMUYS, Jennie	D	F	May 1899	IL		
MEULENAE, August	FIL	M	Apr 1847	Belgium		
DERUE, Frank	X	M	Mar 1876	IL (Belgian parents)		day laborer
DERUE, Myrtle	W	F	Jun 1881	KS		

DE BACHER , Hiepoliet	X	M	May 1872	Belgium	1886-Na	day laborer
DE BACHER, Irma	W	F	Feb 1874	Belgium	1894	
DE BACHER, Joseph A	S	M	Apr 1898	IL		
VANDER VANNEI.. , Peter	FIL	M	Oct 1842	Belgium	1896-Pa	day laborer
VAN LOO , Bazil	boarder	M	Oct 1871	Belgium	1890-Na	day laborer
HOSTENS , Phillip	X	M	Jul 1873	Belgium	1880-Na	plow inspector
HOSTENS, Ellen	W	F	Jun 1875	Holland	1880-Na	
HOSTENS, Lillian M	D	F	Sep 1895	IL		
HOSTENS, Arthur L.	S	M	Feb 1897	IL		
HOSTENS, Earl A.	S	M	Nov 1898	IL		
DE CORSISMAEKLER , John	BIL	M	Feb 1882	Belgium	1880-Na	day laborer
WISPLER , Louis	X	M	Nov 1838	Belgium	1880-Na	day laborer
WISPLER, Mary	W	F	Apr 1839	Belgium	1880	
WISPLER, August	S	M	Aug 1875	Belgium	1880-Na	day laborer
PAPF , Emma	GD	F	Oct 1887	Belgium		
BRYNELL , Philomena	X	F	Jul 1844	Belgium	1876-Na	day laborer
BRYNELL,	D	F	abt 1881	IL		
BRYNELL,	S	M	Nov 1876	IL		day laborer
SHEPPARD , August	X	M	Oct 1850	Belgium	1880-Na	day laborer
SHEPPARD, Alice	W	F	May 1850	Belgium	1880	
SHEPPARD, Gust	S	M	Jan 1875	Belgium	1880	day laborer
SHEPPARD, Mary	D	F	Mar 1883	IL		
SHEPPARD, Alphonse	S	M	Dec 1884	IL		
SHEPPARD, Josephine	D	F	Jan 1890	IL		
KAMA , Leny	X	M	Feb 1867	Belgium	1892-Al	day laborer
KAMA,Clemens	W	F	Jan 1874	Belgium	1892	
KAMA,Charles	S	M	May 1894	NJ		
KAMA,Ocile	S	M	Nov 1899	NJ		
VAN LANTEGEHEN , Ed	X	M	Nov 1870	Belgium	1899-Al	day laborer
VAN LANTEGEHEN, Seraphine	W	F	Oct 1872	Belgium	1900	
VAN LANTEGEHEN, Helena	D	F	Jul 1893	Belgium	1900	
VAN LANTEGEHEN, Vital	S	M	mar 1895	Belgium	1900	
VAN LANTEGEHEN, Richard A.	S	M	Aug 1898	Belgium	1900	
DEMES , Harry	X	M	Apr 1865	Belgium	1891-Na	iron molder
DEMES, Louise	W	F	Jan 1870	Belgium	1892	
DEMES, Mary	D	F	Apr 1893	IL		
DEMES, Franc	S	M	Mar 1894	IL		
DEMES, Orca	S	M	Oct 1895	IL		
DEMES, Louise	S	M	Oct 1897	IL		
DEMES, Agnes	D	F	Dec 1899	IL		
HAMERLINCK , August	X	M	May 1843	Belgium	1883-Na	day laborer
HAMERLINCK, Julie	W	F	Mar 1849	Belgium	1891	
DE JAEGER , Pauline	X	F	Sep 1849	Holland (Belgian parents)	1857	
DE JAEGER, Emma	D	F	Jan 1866	IL (Belgian Father)		
DE JAEGER, Frances	S	M	Aug 1869	IL (Belgian Father)		clerk at the grocery
DE JAEGER, Benoni	S	M	Jun 1871	IL (Belgian Father)		police city
DE JAEGER, Louise M.	D	F	Jun 1880	IL (Belgian Father)		sales woman dry goods store
DE JAEGER, John B.	S	M	Oct 1880	IL (Belgian Father)		at school
HENDRICKS , Henry	boarder	M	Mar 1886	Belgium	1892	day laborer
STEENE , Charles	X	M	Aug 1852	Belgium	1892-Na	laborer mill sable
STEENE, Amelie	W	F	Aug 1852	Belgium	1892	
STEENE, Charles	S	M	Sep 1873	Belgium	1892-Na	iron molder
STEENE, Alida	D	F	Dec 1884	Belgium	1892-Na	
STEENE, Mary	D	F	May 1893	IL		
STEENE, Alouis	boarder	M	Feb 1872	Belgium	1900-Al	laborer at the railroad

STEENE, Risart	boarder	M	Oct 1872	Belgium	1900-Al	laborer at the railroad
VEHAUNE, Gene	boarder	M	Jan 1869	Belgium	1900-Al	laborer plow
DERARD, Alouis	boarder	M	Mar 1867	Belgium	1900-Al	laborer mill sable
VANELICE, Charles	X	M	Dec 1862	Belgium	1888-Na	Laborer steel mill
VANELICE, Sophie	W	F	May 1852	Belgium	1888	
EMONY,---	SIL	F	May 1876	Belgium	1892-Na	day laborer
EMONY, Mary	D	F	Feb 1884	Belgium	1888	
VANAKER, Emil	StepS	M	Mar 1868	Belgium	1888-Al	
LIE-URG--, Camiel	X	M	Mar 1868	Belgium	1881-Na	laborer lumber
LIE-URG..., Cordelia	W	F	Apr 1868	Belgium	1881	
LIE-URG..., Mary	D	F	Jan 1896	IL		
LIE.URG..., Charles	S	M	Jan 1897	IL		
DRESSEN, Peter	boarder	M	Feb 1866	Belgium	1891-Al	day laborer
CLAYS, Alphonse	boarder	M	Feb 1871	Belgium	1893-Na	laborer cork plant
VAN DAMME, Gust	X	M	Nov 1875	Belgium	1890-Na	iron molder
VAN DAMME, Lizzie	W	F	Nov 1875	Belgium	1888	
VAN DAMME, Frank	S	M	Jan 1896	IL		
VAN DAMME, Romania	D	F	Aug 1897	IL		
VAN DAMME, Maria	D	F	Mar-00	IL		
DONCKER, Victor	X	M	Jul 1850	Belgium	1891-Na	Painter
DONCKER, Emma	W	F	Apr 1859	Belgium	1891	
DONCKER, Mary	D	F	Aug 1882	Belgium	1891	servant
DONCKER, Arthur	S	M	Sep 1883	Belgium	1891	laborer at plow shop
DONCKER, Emma	D	F	May 1888	Belgium	1891	at school
DONCKER, Regina	D	F	Jul 1895	IL		
LOURGH, Philip	X	M	Jul 1863	Belgium	1892-Na	Laborer plow shop
LOURGH, Mary	W	F	Aug 1862	Belgium	1892	
LOURGH, Emily	D	F	Dec 1888	Belgium	1892	at school
LOURGH, Camille	S	M	Apr 1891	Belgium		at school
LOURGH, Lena	D	F	Apr 1894	IL		
LOURGH, Charles	S	M	Dec 1897	IL		
LOURGH, Mary	D	F	Nov 1899	IL		
VAN DAMME, Louis	X	M	Jun 1866	Belgium	1900-Al	Laborer
VAN DAMME, Julie	W	F	Nov 1869	Belgium		
VAN DAMME, Adele	D	F	Nov 1897	Belgium		
VAN DAMME, Gabriela	S	M	Nov 1898	Belgium		
VAN DER VOLDER, Ferdinand	X	M	Aug 1834	Belgium	1860-Na	day laborer
VAN DER VOLDER, Matilda	W	F	Apr 1859	Belgium	1880	
VAN DER VOLDER, Mamie	D	F	Oct 1889	IL	at school	
VAN DER VOLDER, Josephine	D	F	Oct 1891	IL	at school	
VAN DER VOLDER, clara M.	D	F	Nov 1893	IL	at school	
VAN DER VOLDER, Rosa P.	D	F	Aug 1898	IL		
VANDER VENECK, Arthur	X	M	May 1876	Belgium	1893-Na	salesman
VANDER VENECK, Elodie	W	F	Aug 1877	Belgium	1891	
VANDER VENECK, Lizzie	D	F	Feb 1896	IL		
VANDER VENECK, Clara	D	F	May 1899	IL		
ELVING, Peter	X	M	Feb 1835	Belgium	1879-Na	
ELVING, Martina	W	F	Jan 1824	Belgium	1879	
ELVING, Charles	S	M	Feb 1876	Belgium	1879-Na	bar tender
NOSTINA, ?	X	F	Dec 1831	Belgium	1880	
NOSTINA, Peter	S	M	Mar 1874		1880-Na	

Letters from America.

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(In Flemish these are called "Amerikabrieven", or in English "American letters").

Johannes Philippus BRUFFAERTS, or Philippe, left his village of Huldenberg, Brabant around 1865 and settled on a farm in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was accompanied by his wife Josephine DECAFFMEYER and his son Franciscus (Frank). Originally from Neerijse, neighboring village, where he was born on February 21st, 1824. His parents were farmers. His father François died on July 29th, 1845, leaving nine orphaned children as the mother had already passed away in 1837. Three of the children had already reached adulthood: Henri-Joseph (23), Herman (22) and Philippe (21). With an uncle's help, probably their guardian, the BRUFFAERTS children continued to farm their father's land. Henri-Joseph, the eldest, took the lead; he kept the books and Herman signed with him. They shared the work. The boys worked the land, the girls worked on the farm, with the chickens and the vegetable garden; every week one of them went to the market in Leuven to sell eggs and butter. By working hard they survived the agricultural crisis of 1847-1848 without too much difficulty. It goes without saying that

this lifestyle knit them very closely. Then came the 50's. One by one the BRUFFAERTS children sought their destiny. Henri-Joseph married and took over the brewery in Neerijse. Philippe also left the farm when he married at Huldenberg. One day Philippe announced to Henri-Joseph that he was leaving for America. He most probably promised to write as soon as he arrived in the new world. Which Philippe duly did. Three letters remain of the correspondence between the two brothers. The letter in which Philippe tells of his arrival is missing. The first one in our possession is an answer to it. The letters are written in Dutch or rather in Flemish as many of these words and phrases come from the Brabant dialect. Henri-Joseph was more schooled than Philippe. His sentences are built better. Other letters written by him in French, are correct and without mistakes; he must have attended school in French, likely in Wavre. He has more trouble expressing himself in Dutch, he often borrows words from the Neerijse dialect. As for Philippe, he writes as he thinks. His sentences are sometimes incoherent and the words are spelled phonetically. Moreover there is no punctuation in the text.



Sint-Peter and Paul's Church in Neerijse.

Photo: De Vrienden van Heverleebos en Meerdaalwoud.

Here's the translation of the letters.

First letter

Dear brother and cousin (in French in the original text)

It is hard for me to describe our joy at receiving your letter and the curiosity with which everyone came to us to hear how you were doing and how you made it how you are settling over there.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we learn through your letter that you are, God be praised, in good health, that you made it safe and sound to your destination and we are pleased to hear you already own more land than we, you can thank God that He has lead you to such abundant place and pray that He grant you to never forget Him; thus you shall be happy in this world and in the next where we hope we will be reunited

unless God give us the idea to one day go to America or that it crossed our children's minds now that they have an uncle, an aunt and cousin in America. My wife had always said she would never go, but since she read your letter, she would like to go for a visit if it weren't so far away.

I notice in your letter that you have bought 16 bonniers of land, woods, and meadows for 172 franc pieces, or 3,440 francs. Well I must tell you that we must pay more here to farm, all the lands of your Mr. GRIZARD, still not sold, are now rented for 180 francs per hectare; You can imagine that in Huldenberg there isn't much to pick up and it will slowly be that way everywhere else. I let you know that all my lands were sold, that is the "bloksken", the "schijteblok" in other words, everything, and I was lucky that the Baronness of Neerijssche bought everything; now I

only rent land from the Baron and Baronness. Several farmers are so jealous that I have lost their business because they weren't able to get that land. Here jealousy is at the highest, it's not in America; in Belgium, as soon as someone achieves something, he is envied and hated. I notice that one lives happily in America and especially the women, who, if I understood well, do not have to work much. Petronilla DECAFFMEYER, your wife's sister, was si happy that I can't find the words to express it; it's like she arrived by telegraph at the news of your letter.

You have the best wishes of the whole family and acquaintances and there have been no deaths yet; but at your sister Catherine there is one more.

You must write one or two letters a year to let us know how you are and send us a portrait that we may have you in front of us, yet wait a year before doing that, so that we may see if you stay the same. Write us later to tell us how Petrus GOOSSENS, Antoon ABTS and the cousin DE LA ROOPOORT are doing. Write as small as you can so that you can write more as you can not imagine how sweet it is to receive news from a brother, a sister, a cousin whom we know live somewhere in the world but with whom we can no longer see or to whom we can no longer speak until eternity or in the other world. You remember how cruel our last goodbyes werewhen we were still together and yet we could not speak because our hearts were so touched; you may know that when you went out the doo, I went into my chamber to let my tears flow freely. But that served no purpose: my brother was leaving for America never to be seen again in this world. I must stop and rest because it is 11pm, and yet I could write all day tomorrow until I run out of paper, as it gives me such satisfaction, as if I were speaking to you face to face and yet I must end not with my heart but with my pen.

As I close, I wonder where you go to grind your wheat and where the market is, if they're far away from where you live. You will have to tell me too how far away you live from your church and, most important of all, if you are able to fulfill your Christian obligations. Because what good would it be to gather up treasures in this world if we haven't thought of our souls. We know the soul is eternal and that the body remains for a while in this world. So, if you are far from the church and from the priest, pray morning and night, before and after meals, think of God often and of Our Lady, dedicate your work daily unto God and know that people have lived in wild places without priest or church and who died there with sanctity. Here are the wishes that I address to my brother, my siter-in-law and cousin, your child.

Accept the deep and sincere salutations from your devoted brother, brother-in-law and uncle

Henri Joseph BRUFFAERTS

Second letter

America April 3rd,

Jozefus BRUFFAERTS

Dear brother, I am writing you to let you know we are all well and in good health and I hope you are well too. You asked how far we were from the church and from the mill, it is the same as from your place to Loonbeek. I find that the people at church are the same as at home; our priest is from Diest, his name is DAMS and he is very learned. If you see the priest from Sint Joris Weert, tell him about him as he knows him very well and give him the regards of Mr. DAMS. The wild woman who took refuge in his home passed away, she was 128 years old. This Mr. DAMS kept her to see how old she would get. You asked for news from my cousin DE LA ROODEPOORT. I have not yet been able to speak with him, but I heard that he has 7 children. When I see him, I will give him your regards. Petrus GOOSSENS lives rather far from me. They tell me that he does as he did in Belgium: he works 4 days a week and drinks 2.

I haven't told you yet how far the children go to school; the school is on my property, along the main road. My closest neighbors are my niece VANDE BERGEN and Gillam PLEESTES since he married Maria TIELENS from St.Joris Weert; There is also another by the name of VAN ES.

I let you know that the finest flour in America is worth 25 francs per 100 pounds and wheat 10.25 francs for a bushel, rye is worth half of that, potatoes are 20 francs the bag; hay costs 20 to 23 dollars per 2,000 pounds, or 115 francs. I count on producing each year 20 tons of hay at 20 francs per ton, or 400 francs. Wood also sells well, it is as expensive as in Belgium. Wood costs 25 francs a "claster" or 2 cubic meters, 25 francs is the same as 5 dollars. There are many kinds of woods: there is white, red and black oak, pine, larch, Northern pine, a white tree that gives wood to

prepare pelts, Canadian beech, several kinds of walnut trees, birch, maple, cedar, elm; this last one is not very valued in these parts, so we don't really count it. We always have two kinds of honey. Growing wild in the area, there are all sorts of berries: gooseberries, red currant, cherries, lemons; we can find anything and so we conclude that God created it all, as never a man has set foot here. We also have deer, bears, turkeys, pheasants, partridges, hares, rabbits, 'goetschekens' and other kinds of birds. Even though I haven't been here very long, I'm telling you: come see me where I am. We speak of bears, but we haven't seen one yet, they are less numerous than hares. Let me describe the houses in which we live. First we lay tree trunks as to form a rectangle then we build walls on the inside. Other houses are built like in Belgium, but in wood and the finishing touches are put in with tar instead of clay. They are then covered with wood that we call 'schinkels' in English. Know that we don't have all that we need yet; it is costly to get settled. The stove I am using cost me 200 francs, tables and chairs, all that is most expensive. I still have to buy a team of oxen to start, then a team of horses and then later another carriage, which will cost 500 francs. During winter, one earns more money delivering all sorts of things to the city. I will need a sled to get there on a snow path. The price of horse is rather high, it takes up to 600 dollars for a team; there are some that cost even more, others less but those are always British horses. You can imagine how we cut down trees in the woods nearby: we cut them right above the ground, leaving the stump in the ground. On my land there aren't too many stumps left because it has been worked for 16 years already. I still cut down many trees to sell the wood in the city. Jan Van Eyk no longer lives here. He worked off what he owed me. He came out ahead as I paid him 5 francs a day until he had reimbursed his debt and then I gave him 6 'schelling' a day, which is 25 'cens' less than a dollar.

He earned 300 francs, in 76 days. He is now working at Henri van Aroens', that is Heynricus Kyllie's; who owns 2 horses and 3 cows. Hendericus Vanderkeelen from Huldenberg owns 16 'bonniers' that is 20 acres, the elder owned 60 acres of which he sold 20; he is about to purchase a team of horses. Jan Kopmans from Huldenberg also owns a team of horses, Peeterus Goens from Wolfsbaegen only has one horse. Jan Vanderheyden has 2 oxen and owns 60 acres of land, that is 24 'bonniers', a portion of which is not ready to be worked yet. Philippus Vandenborre also owns 24 'bonniers'. Jan Van Eyk's sister owns 32 'bonniers' that are not ready to be worked yet. When we arrived here, they were selling a lot of 16 'bonniers' next to me property but I could not get it.

You asked how much I make from my property per 'bonnier'. It is not yet possible for me to answer you since it has not yet produced a crop for me as I bought it after harvest time. But I sold the hay that was in the barn for 2,000 francs. Right now, I have steres of wood to transport to the city, but I first have to buy the oxen. Then it will be possible to cash in on that.

Cows do not resemble those in Belgium, they make good butter. There are not many kinds of different colors. They are almost red and their ears look like those of the deer our folks had. Pigs are similar to the Belgian pigs.

Give our regards to the family and to Petronilla Decaffmeyer and her daughter, and also to Philippien Van Buystegem and the Nowee sisters and to my wife's godmother who is the wife of Peeterus Poels, regards to the Posto children; I can't name everyone, you know that I give them all my best. Like with the children of Jan Battis Erkmans, if they were in America they would make a fortune.

Think too that we have much family in America as we went to the kermesse of Zevenstag.

One more thing that you must know. All the land that we own must be fenced if we want our rights to be validated, otherwise all animals can come to pasture there. As long as it is fenced in, you have the right to kill anything of anyone who trespasses.

I wish you all a good year and much more. Say hello to Peter Vanpee who lives at Theodore's, is he still alive.

I close here and remain your loyal friend.

P. Bruffaerts resident of Grinby Wisconsin

At the woods of the farm of Bokmânigewrest

(to be continued)

DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION — BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN (a continuing series)

by Mary Ann DEFNET, Green Bay, Wisconsin

The Brown County Circuit Court was busy in 1884. Along with immigrants of other nationalities, 103 Belgians came forward to make their Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States.

Name	Birth Year	Port	Arrival	Declaration
E. F. MARIQUE	1863	New York	Aug 1871	14 Oct 1884
Philip MASSEY	1849	New York	May 1854	10 Oct 1884
Andrew MATHEYS	1827	New York	Oct 1856	3 Nov 1884
Ferdinand MEEUS	1840	New York	Apr 1883	29 Oct 1884
Joseph NEEFS	1861	New York	Apr 1884	1 Nov 1884
Desire NELLIS	1843	New York	Nov 1872	18 Apr 1884
John NOCKERTS	1855	New York	Aug 1857	4 Nov 1884
Jacques PIERQUET	1856	New York	Jan 1884	3 Nov 1884
Frederic PIRON	1851	Phila	May 1883	21 Oct 1884
Frank POELS	1841	Albany, NY	Aug 1856	4 Mar 1884
Pier (Peter) PUymbROEK	1863	New York	May 1881	3 Nov 1884
Pierre RENTER	1839	New York	Sept 1856	4 Nov 1884
Frank RENTMASTER	1844	Phila	July 1873	3 Nov 1884
William RENTMEESTER	1851	New York	Oct 1855	31 Oct 1884
Joseph SCORY	1861	New York	June 1868	1 Nov 1884
Michael SCORY	1853	New York	June 1868	1 Nov 1884
Joseph THIRION	1820	Baltimore	May 1882	1 Nov 1884
Alex THYRION(THIRION)	1844	Baltimore	Apr 1883	28 Oct 1884
Henry Remy TILKENS	1862	New York	Oct 1883	3 Nov 1884
John TILKENS	1836	New York	June 1884	3 Nov 1884
Paulus TIMMERMAN	1833	New York	Apr 1883	26 Mar 1884
Peter J. VAN CASTER	1822	New York	Nov 1855	4 Nov 1884
Ed VAN DE CASTEELE	1855	New York	Mar 1867	24 June 1884
Victor VANDEN BRANDEN	1843	New York	Sept 1881	28 Oct 1884
Francis VANDENBUSH	1843	New York	Sept 1866	31 Oct 1884
Frank VANDERLINDEN	1860	New York	Mar 1881	4 Nov 1884
Joseph VANDERVEREN	1835	New York	Apr 1880	3 Nov 1884
Christiann VANDESANDE	1863	New York	Apr 1882	4 Nov 1884
John VANDE SANDE	1860	New York	Mar 1883	3 Nov 1884
John VANDER ZANDEN	1845	New York	Oct 1855	3 Nov 1884
Charles VANDEVELDE	1846	New York	Sept 82	1 Apr 1884
D. L. VAN de WIELE	1862	New York	June 1864	29 Oct 1884
E. L. VAN de WIELE	1861	New York	June 1864	29 Oct 1884
Joseph VAN DUYSE	1841	New York	Sept 1881	31 Oct 1884
Anton VAN ERVEN	1860	New York	1866	23 Oct 1884
Earnest VAN ERMEN	1853	Boston	May 1883	21 Oct 1884
Peter VAN ERMEN	1833	New York	May 1881	1 Nov 1884
John VAN EYCK	1838	New York	Apr 1865	3 Nov 1884
Louis VAN GREEM	1863	Boston	May 1883	28 Oct 1884
Sylvester VAN GHEEM	1825	New York	Sept 1883	28 Oct 1884
E. F. VAN HOOTEGEM	1856	New York	Sept 1881	3 Nov 1884'
Leo VANMINSEL	1855	New York	Apr 1883	1 Nov 1884
Peter VAN NOTE	1844	New York	July 1881	31 Mar 1884
Peter VANSEVEREN	1856	New York	Apr 1883	26 Mar 1884
Joseph VECKNAN	1861	New York	Sept 1871	3 Nov 1884
Josephus VOLARAINÉ	1824	New York	Sept 1863	5 Nov 1884
Alphonse VONCKX	1862	New York	Aug 1882	25 Oct 1884
John B. VREBOS	1852	New York	May 1871	3 Nov 1884
Joseph WARRICHAIT	1839	New York	Nov 1867	16 Oct 1884
Henry WATERMOLEN	185-	New York	Aug 1857	25 Oct 1884
Peter Joseph WATERMOLEN	1848	New York	Aug 1857	22 Apr 1884
Philip WATERMOLEN	1857	New York	Aug 1857	25 Oct 1884
William WATERMOLEN	1850	New York	Aug 1857	4 Nov 1884
Julius J. WENDRICKX	1842	Detroit	May 1856	4 Nov 1884

Felix WOUTERS

1848

New York

July 1883

3 Nov 1884

Note: Names appear as written by the Clerk or the emigrant. Known corrections are in parentheses. Declarations are on file at the Area Research Center, University of Wisconsin/Green Bay.

In the Land of Quarries : THE RISE 1860 - 1870

Dongelberg-Oppebais: from the beginning to the First World War (ctd)

By Joseph TORDOIR, Incourt 1997

In 1859, the Belgian government asked the legislative chambers to allow a credit of 2,000,000 francs, for the Interior Budget, destined to be divided between the different towns in the kingdom essentially to help them pave the main roads¹. This initiative seems to have been at the origin of a second wave of road construction that had important repercussions on the development of the Dongelberg and Oppebais quarries. The demand for cobblestone was at the time so high that the sale price rose about 20% and brought about the opening of new quarries in several locations in the Nivelles district, especially in the cantons of Jodoigne and Perwez².

In Dongelberg, in 1860-1861, the Almanach du commerce et de l'industrie (Commerce and Industry Almanach) listed no quarry masters.³ The commercial extraction of stone seems to be going through a difficult period. Eight year later, the second wave of paving had left its tracks, as the same Almanach officially numbered six: Gustave ZONE, Jacques GRIGNARD, Jean-Baptiste DETIEGE, Henri PIERRE, Auguste LIESSE and Jean-Joseph DEGEHET.⁴ It really was an industrial and commercial explosion!

Jean-Joseph DEGEHET, born in Dongelberg in 1797, the son of Jacques DEGEHET who in 1788 and 1790, had acquired the major portion of the land where Adrian ROBBERECHTS had worked a private quarry in the footsteps of Noël OLIVET. At his father's death in 1824, he had inherited his father's house, in Fayt, along the path called "du rivage" and a plot of land nearby, where they had once excavated cobblestone.⁵ It doesn't appear as though he did a lot of excavating before the turn of 1860 that we just mentioned. In March 1860, the town of Thorembais-Saint-Trond called upon him to purchase cobblestone as part of the important new road works⁶. Before his death, in 1869, his son Désiré DEGEHET, born in Dongelberg on March 12th, 1839, had already shown an interest in his activities. On February 22nd, 1868, together with Auguste LIESSE of Oppebais, he had obtained from the Dongelberg City Council, the sale of a plot of 4ares 66 centiares (part of a greater plot) for 900 francs.⁷

A few months later, on December 1st, 1868, with Eugène and Auguste LIESSE, masters of the Oppebais Quarries, Désiré had purchased for 1,000 Francs, from his father, a quarry measuring 9.61 ares, located near his home for 1,000 francs⁸. On June 28th, 1869, he also gave Désiré his rights to a long term lease on public property⁹. On August 13th, 1870, with the butcher Pierre-Auguste JADOT, Désiré bought from the town of Dongelberg, for 250 francs 20 centimes, a public lot of 10 ares 2 centiares, near the paternal home, called "La vieille carrière" (the old quarry), for the purpose of reactivating it¹⁰. On December 29th, of the same year, he had married Marie-Louise REMY, a young woman from Dongelberg. Jean-Baptiste DETHIÈGE, baker in Jodoigne and husband of Léocadie VANGOITSENHOVEN, of Dongelberg, had been Jean-Joseph MONIQUET's associate, who was one of Jean-Baptiste ZONE, the master mason's two sons-in-law, whom he had previously met. MONIQUET, born in Lathuy in the year XII of the French Republic, had married Marie-Catherine ZONE in 1828. Father of 4 sons, MONIQUET had long been known as a day laborer, but his personal situation had changed with the division of his in-laws' assets on October 19th, 1860.¹¹ At that time, his wife inherited of half of the paternal home, and of two pieces of property measuring about 60 ares, including 4 ares of public property on long-term lease. It seems that it was from these two plots that Jean-Baptiste ZONE, who died in April 1848, had extracted the sandstone necessary for his professional activities and, once in charge, Jean-Joseph MONIQUET had decided to profit from the situation. On May 23rd, 1862, he had entered a nine year partnership with Jean-Baptiste DETHIEGE, planning to extract the sandstone from these properties. According to the terms of the partnership contract, the extraction of sandstone and the manufacturing of tiles had to be done under the direction of MONIQUET and at least 5 workers. DETHIEGE, on the other hand, would take charge of paying the workers and buying supplies necessary to the running of the site, for the length of the partnership. Sales and deliveries of tiles had to be

¹ Report to the Chambre de Commerce of Nivelles, March 31, 1859, in the Exposé on the administrative situation administrative of the Province of Brabant, Bruxelles, 1859, p. 639.

² Report to the Chambre de Commerce of Nivelles, May 5, 1865, in the Exposé on the administrative situation administrative of the Province of Brabant, Bruxelles, 1865, p.962-963.

³ TARLIER, H., Almanach du commerce et de l'industrie, 1860-1861, Bruxelles, 1861.

⁴ TARLIER, H., Almanach du commerce et de l'industrie, année 1868, Bruxelles, 1868, p. 185.

⁵ POPP, P-C., Land registry of Belgium. Province of Brabant. Arrondissement of Nivelles. Canton of Jodoigne. Town of Dongelberg, Gand, s.d.ed. Around 1865, Jean-Joseph DEGEHET is owner of two neighboring habitations, registered in section B#698 and 699. The lot including the old quarry was registered Section B #700.

⁶ Town of Perwez. Town's Archives of Thorembais-Saint-Trond. March 22, 1860.

⁷ Town of Jodoigne. Town's Archives of Dongelberg. Feb 22, 1868.

⁸ Offices of Maître Gaëtan de Streel, Beauvechain. Records of Maître Libert, of Longueville, Dec 1, 1868.

⁹ Ditto. Record of Maître Libert, Longueville, June 28, 1869.

¹⁰ AGR, NGB, #037.152. Record of Maître Pastur, Jodoigne, Aug.13, 1870. This "viellie carrière" was listed as section B, #0694

¹¹ AGR, NGB, #034.178. Record of Maître Justinien Pastur, Jodoigne, Aug 19, 1860.

done in the name of both partners, but the payments were in the name of DETHIEGE alone who, before allocating half of the profit to MONIQUET, reimbursed himself for his expenses¹². When MONIQUET died on January 27th, 1863, the initial project had been noticeably impaired, but his widow had honored his engagements and the partnership was only ended in 1868¹³. During the life of the contract, 3 of MONIQUET's 4 sons worked in the family quarry: Antoine, Alphonse and Adolphe¹⁴. In 1868, Antoine was already settled at Châtelineau, where he worked in the coalmines, but Alphonse and Adolphe were still stone cutters in Dongelberg¹⁵.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN CEMETERIES

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wikewaun/newcem.htm>

These records provided courtesy of the Kewaunee County Historical Society. Cemetery numbers in transcriptions correspond with numbers in cemeteries below.

- 1- **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP:** Location NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 23; On Wolf River Road, north of Algoma. Church address-406 4th St. Algoma 54201
- 2- **AHNAPEE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP:** SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 28; Located on north side of Hwy 54 next to local tavern. No records--all stones removed about 1926.
- 3- **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP:** Location NW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 3; In Rankin village on Hwy 54. Records at St. John's Church Parsonage E. 5221 Church Road, Algoma, WI. 54201
- 4- **TWEEDALE CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP:** Location SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 34 ; South of Algoma left side of Lake Road
- 5- **WOODSIDE (SHAW) CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP:** Location SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 7; North of Algoma off Hwy S on Washington Road going East.
- 6- **EVERGREEN (BUSCH-DEFAULT) CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP:** Location NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 33; West of the city limits of Algoma on Hwy 54, South side of Highway; Records at City Clerk of Algoma, City Hall, Fremont St. Algoma
- 7- **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-AHNAPEE TWP :** Location NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 26; Corner of Church ST. & Sturgeon Bay Road; Currently records at Geo. Miller Law Office 409 Steele St. Algoma
- 8- **VOLUNTEER CEMETERY-CARLTON TWP:** Located in SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 6; On West side of St. Peters Road. Note: Lutheran Cemetery across road. South side of Church. First volunteers were buried here.
- 9- **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY--CARLTON TWP:** Located in SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 5 South of Townline Road; east of St. Peter's road. On South side of St. Peters Church.
- 10- **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (SANDY BAY) CEMETERY-CARLTON TWP:** Located NE 1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 26; On Hwy 42-1 1/2 miles north of county line; founded in 1869- Church disbanded in 1947-Cemetery to Carlton town.
- 11- **ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-CARLTON TWP:** Located SW 1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 16; Church on SW corner Hwy G & Norman road. Cemetery north of Church on Norman road.
- 12- **FOREST VIEW 1ST METHODIST (FOREST HILL) CEMETERY-CARLTON TWP:** Located NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 13; On corner of Cemetery Road and Old Settler's Road 1 1/2 miles from Lake Michigan. First Methodist congregation cemetery. Settled by Yankees in 1850's. Community was known as Dean's Pier.
- 13- **CASCO TOWN CEMETERY-CASCO TWP:** NE1/4 NW1/4 Sec 18; On Hwy 54 South side of road. Cemetery is no longer visible. 1/2 mile West of Casco village on the Jos. Boulanger property. Data acquired from Elizabeth McCosky from a list she prepared on 4 Jun 1968.
- 14- **WEST SLOVAN W.F.L.A. KEWAUNEE LODGE #365(AKA SISEL) CEMETERY-CASCO TWP:** Located SE1/4 Section 20; Corner Hwy C & T, South of Casco WI. Person independent of St. Adalbert's in Slovan were buried here.
- 15- **ST. ADALBERT CATHOLIC CEMETERY-CASCO TOWNSHIP:** Located NW 1/4 Section 27; In village of Slovan, corner of County Hwys T & E. Across from Church.
- 16- **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CEMETERY-CASCO TOWN:** Located NW 1/4 SW 1/4/ Section 17; In the village of Casco on Hwy C across from Trinity Church
- 17- **ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CEMETERY-FRANKLIN TOWN:** Located NE 1/4 Section 10; Corner of Hwys J & 163 in village of Stangelville. Church started in 1864. In 1938 the grounds were changed & several stones in poor condition taken away.
- 18- **FRANKLIN NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CEMETERY-FRANKLIN TOWN:** Located Section 25; On State Hwy 163, 1.6 miles north of junction of County BB & State 163 On west side of road. Church struck by lightning in 1954 and burned down.

¹² AGR, NGB, #037.151. Record of Maître Justinien Pastur, Jodoigne, May 25, 1862.

¹³ AGR, NGB, #037.134. Record of Maître Justinien Pastur, Jodoigne, March 9, 1868. Note:Dethiège died between 1870 and 1876. record of Maître Justinien Pastur, Feb 6, 1876.

¹⁴ In 1867, while Adolphe was officially managing, his brother Alphonse was qualified as stone cutter. Two years earlier, in his contract, Alphonse had been listed as such. AGR, NGB, #037.128. Record of Maître Justinien Pastur, Jodoigne, March 23, 1865.

¹⁵ AGR, NGB, #037.134. Record of Maître Justinien Pastur, Jodoigne, March 8, 1868.

19- **BOLT BOHEMIAN TOWNSHIP CEMETERY-FRANKLIN TOWN:** Located SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 28; 1/2 mile west of village of Bolt on County Q.

20- **GOSPEL TRUTH HALL (ST. SAUVIOR) CEMETERY-LINCOLN TOWN:** Located NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 19; Also known as San Sauviator & Lincoln Presbyterian. Since 1920 used by Plymouth Brethern Church; Corner of Townline & Martin roads.

21- **ST. HUBERT CATHOLIC CEMETERY-LINCOLN TWP:** Located NW 1/4 Section 5; Parish cemetery of St. Hubert's Church. Maintained in good condition by parishioners. In Rosiere on corner of Cty X & Church roads.

22- **ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY-LINCOLN TWP:** Located NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 30; South of County Trunk S in Lincoln, WI, Congregation maintains in good condition.

23- **ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-LUXEMBURG TWP:** Located NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 5; On Hwy K off Hwy H in village of Tonet; Maintained in good condition by parish.

24- **FRENCH SPIRITUALIST CEMETERY-LUXEMBURG TWP:** Located NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 17; On Hillview Road East of Walhain-1/4 mile North of State Hwy 54 Maintained in good condition by Township.

25- **ST. AMAND CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-LUXEMBURG TOWNSHIP:** Located SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 18; In village of Walhain on North side of Hwy 54, 2 miles from Luxemburg; maintained in good condition by parish

26- **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-LUXEMBURG TWP:** Located SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 21; In village of Luxemburg on corner of Church and Hwy A roads; maintained in good condition by parish.

27- **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH (BUNKER HILL)CEMETERY-LUXEMBURG TWP:** Located Section 25; On East side of Hwy A, 3 miles East of Luxemburg in field; AKA Casco Junction Church/Peot Cem./The French Church Cem.

28- **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY-LUXEMBURG TWP:** Located SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 15; On Rock Ledge road 1/2/mile from Hwy 54 on North side of road. Maintained in good condition by congregation.

29- **MONTPIER TOWN CEMETERY-MONTPELIER TWP:** Located SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 11; North of Ellisville on Hwy 163 between Hill road & St. Paul Lutheran church; on East side of road next to Reckelberg property - Maintained in good condition. Only one stone(Miller). Duffek buried there. Rest are(?) children who died of flu during WWI.

30- **ZION EVANGELICAL CEMETERY-MONTPELIER TWP:** Located SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 11; On corner of Hill Road and Hwy 163, North of Ellisville; maintained in poor condition--Church demolished in 1940's.

31- **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY-MONTPELIER TWP:** Located SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 11; On corner of Church Road & Hwy 163. East side of road. North of Ellisville. Maintained in good condition by congregation.

32- **ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY-MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP:** Located SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 20; In village of Pilsen on corner of Hwys V & 29; maintained in good condition by parish.

33- **ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CEMETERY-MONTPELIER TWP:** Located NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 21; East on Hwy F from Hwy V. South side of road. Records are at St. Joseph's in Pilsen and is maintained by parish; Church demolished in the 1920's.

34- **ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-MONTPELIER TWP:** Located NW 1/4 section 32; On Cherneyville road South of Pilsen, 1/2 mi East from Hwy V; in field with no access except thru farmer's field.

35- **WEISNER FREE THINKER CEMETERY-PIERCE TWP:** Located SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 8; On corner of Hwy D & 8th road; Maintained in fair condition by local people.

36- **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-PIERCE TWP:** Located NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 19; In village of Alaska-behind store; Records at Holy Rosary Church

37- **ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CEMETERY-RED RIVER TWP:** Located SW 1/4 NW 1/4 section 18; In village of Dyckesville, on corner of Hwy 57 & S,next to .church.

38- **ST. ODILE CATHOLIC CEMETERY-RED RIVER TWP:** Located NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 34; On Thiry Daems Road, East off Hwy A.

39- **DUVALL EPISCOPAL CEMETERY-RED RIVER TWP:** located NW1/4 Section 9; On corner of Hwy X & A, south side of road; Records may be at Episcopal Diocese of Fond Du Lac

40- **WEST KEWAUNEE METHODIST CEMETERY-WEST KEWAUNEE TWP:** On Stuebs land. West side of Pleasant View Lane North of Hwy F; Stones have been moved to one end of plot by owner. No access available. Private land--condition bad but owner has right to use as needed.

41-**ST. HEDWIG CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY-WEST KEWAUNEE TWP:** Located SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 28; At village of Krok on the NE corner of Krok & Hwy B; maintained in good condition by parish; St. Mary Polish Church in Manitowoc is related to this church.

42- **ST. JOHN NEPOMUCEUE CHURCH CATHOLIC CEMETERY-WEST KEWAUNEE TWP:** Located SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 30; On NE corner of Krok & Church roads; maintained in good condition by parish. Church being disbanded-St. Joseph's of Pilsen responsible.

43- **UNITED METHODIST CEMETERY-WEST KEWAUNEE TWP:** Located NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 30; On west side of Church road 1/4 mile south off Hwy 29.

44- **HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY-WEST KEWAUNEE TWP:** Located SE corner of Ward 3, Section 19 in city of Kewaunee; maintained in good condition by parish; Has cemetery data for St. Mary's Alaska cemetery.

45- **RIVERVIEW PUBLIC CEMETERY-WEST KEWAUNEE TWP:** Located SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 18; In ward 3 City of Kewaunee; west on Ellis Street.

Nicholas Joseph Smeesters / Françoise Terwagne Genealogy and Marker Restoration Project

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Nicholas Joseph SMEESTERS and Françoise TERWAGNE emigrated from Neerheydissem, Belgium in the late 1850's and settled in the Town of Scott, Brown County, Wisconsin. They and their oldest child, Hector, age 1, are listed there on the 1860 Brown County Census. In addition to Hector, the couple had two other children, Joseph, born in 1861 and Melanie, born in 1872.

Hector SMEESTERS married Florence DEPREZ and owned various business enterprises throughout his life including a dairy and a cheese factory near the corner of County S and H east of Dyckesville, Kewaunee County, Wisconsin and a mining operation in Amberg, in Marinette County. Joseph married Antoinette BOULANGER and owned and operated a number of businesses in the Amberg area. Melanie married Gustave VANDENACK and they lived in Dyckesville.

Nicholas, who died in 1903, and Françoise, who died in 1910, are buried together at St. Louis Cemetery in Dyckesville, Wisconsin. The marker on their grave is a 4' marble tower, with his information engraved on one side and hers around the corner. It stands on a marble square with SMEESTERS in raised letters. The cross, which originally stood on top of the monument, has become detached and a 5-inch piece of the cross base has chipped off. The marker itself has deteriorated in the weather. It is slanting and could topple over--causing permanent, irreparable damage during the next winter season if it is not stabilized.

My mother, aunts and cousins have started a project to restore the monument. My mother did genealogical research on this line for more than 30 years, and we have the names of about 450 adult descendants. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$1,000. Modest contributions from each family would allow the project to be completed.

This is truly a piece of family history. Through family sources and the Internet, 155 descendants have been contacted. Unfortunately, 300 others remain unlocated. Surnames in the third generation include in the Hector line: BOUCHONVILLE, HENQUINETTE, BERTRAND and BODART. In the Joseph line: PAGE, HARRIS, MOTTARD and ANDERSON. In the Melanie line: VANDENACK, BRUNNER, HEIM and ZEUTZIUS.

Cousins, we have not been able to contact directly are invited to participate. If you are part of this family and would like to participate, you may make a contribution to the Heidi Hennig Arno Genealogy Account, 1234 Cecil Way, Modesto, CA 95350.

You may contact me for specific questions at heidila6@earthlink.net or 209-524-7226. Our web site, which contains additional information as well as historical family photos is located at <http://home.earthlink.net/~heidila6>



Declarations of Intention for Citizenship filed in Douglas County, Superior, Wisconsin. Part 2

By John BUYTAERT, MI

MEYS, EDWARD, 32, laborer, white, fair, 5' 6", 165, brown, blue, born in **Doel**, BEL, 14 Oct 1875; resides in Superior; from Antwerp on the Finland; arr. NY 26 April 1904; sworn 17 March 1908.

MISSY, JEROME 33, laborer, white, fair, 6', 185#, light brown hair, blue eyes, born in **Zuydschote**, West Flanders, Bel., 26 July 1874, resides in Superior, Wis. Emigrated from Antwerp on the vessel Zeeland; arrived New York 21 Oct 1901; sworn 4 June 1908.

OZAER, CONSTANT, born Belgium, 1876, arrived NY March 1897; sworn 31 March 1900.

PANIS, JOSEPH, born Belgium in 18??, arrived New York, April 1889; sworn 20 March 1892.

PENNE, HENRY 28, laborer, white, fair, 5' 7", 165#, brown, gray eyes, born in **Exaade**, Bel., 12 Aug 1879; resides in Superior. From Antwerp on the Cronland (Kronland??); arr. N. Y. 9 July 1907; sworn 17 March 1908.

PENNE, PETER, 24, laborer, white, fair, 5' 8", 170, brown hair, blue eyes, born in **Exaade**, Bel. 26 April 1873; from Antwerp on the Kroonland; arr. NY 3 July 1906; sworn 17 March 1908.

RIVIERE, OSCAR, 27, laborer, white, fair, 5' 6", 175#, light hair, blue eyes, **Beerst**, West Vlanderen, BE, 18 Dec. 1880; resides in Superior, Wis., from Antwerp on the Zeeland; arr. New York, 1 Oct 1906; sworn 30 March 1908.

RO TSAERT, EDWARD, born in Belgium, 1858, arrived in New Your in June 1896; sworn 30 March 1900.

SMITH, THEOFIEL, 29, laborer, white, light, 5' 7", 160, light hair, blue eyes, born in **Melsele**, BEL, 10 Jan 1879; resides in Superior; from Antwerp on the Finland; arriving NY 10 May 1905; sworn 17 March 1908.

SNOECK, HARRIET, born in Belgium, resides at 1319 Elm Avenue, Superior, arrived Philadelphia on the vessel Bleaches ? with husband Ignacy Miloszewski, 30, of Poland aka Maloski on 27 April 1912; sworn 23 Feb 1926. Not clear if she arrived then or she married him later.

STORM, PETER, 29, laborer, white, dark complexion, 5' 6", 165#, black hair, gray eyes; born in **Staden**, West Vlaanderen, BE, 6 Aug 1886, living in Superior Wis. From Antwerp, BE on the Vaderland, arriving New York around 1 Oct. 1905; sworn 6 April 1908

VAN BIERVLIET, VICTOR , 26, laborer, white, light, 5' 7", 173#, brown hair, brown eyes, born in **Hooglede**, W.F. Belgium 5 June 1881, living in Superior, Wis., from Antwerp on the Siberia, arriving in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 11 May 1906 via Canadian Pacific Railway from Halifax, Canada; sworn 30 March 1908.

VAN DAMME, EDWARD, 24, laborer, white, fair, 5' 7", 170, brown hair and eyes, born in **Exaarde**, BE, 2 Nov 1883; resides in Superior; from Antwerp on the Kronland; arr. NY 3 July 1906; sworn 17 March 1908.

VANDAELE, DESIRE, 26, laborer, white, fair, 6' 2", 200#, brown hair, blue eyes, born in **Ledelghem**, West Flanders, 17 Jan 1882, resides in Superior, Wis. Emigrated from Antwerp on the Sicelia; arrived via Great Northern Railroad from Winnepeg, Canada, into North Dakota on July 1906; sworn 6 April 1908.

VERSCHRAEGEN, ADELAIDE MARIA, 46, housewife, white , dark, 5' 5", 200, dk brown, brown, born in **Lokeren**, Bel, 24 Oct 1876; reside in Superior, Wis. Emigrated from Havre, France, on the Corsican with husband GUSTAAF, born in Belgium; arrived Sault Ste Marie, Mich via Can. Pacif. Ry from Quebec, 4 August 1921; sworn 4 Sept 1923.

VERSCHRAEGEN, MARIA MADELEINE, 18, student, white, dark, 5', 130, brown, brown, from **Lokeren**, Belgium, born 1 Nov 1904; resides in Superior, Wis.; emigrated from Hvre, France, on the Corsican; arrived Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan via Canadian Pacific Railway from Quebec, Canada, 4 Aug 1921; sworn 4 Sept 1923.

VERSCHROEGEN, HELEN, 19, laundry, white, fair, 5' 2", 154, brown, brown, born in **Lokeren**, Bel. 4 March 1906, resides in Superior; emigrated through Havre, France on the Corsican; arrived Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 2 Aug 192 via CPRy from Quebec, Canada; sworn 14 Sept 1925.

VERSCHROEGEN, PALMYRE, 22, LAUNDRY, WHITE, FAIR, 5', 138, BROWN, BLUE, born in **Lokeren**, Belgium, 25 July 1903; resides in Superior Wisconsin, emigrated from Havre, France, on the Corsican; arrived Sault Ste Marie, Mich via Canadian Pacific Ry from Quebec, Canada, on 2 Aug 1921; sworn 14 Sept 1925. N.Y. 1 May 1920 with husband EDMOND. sworn 11 June 1925.

VAN DAMME, FRANK, 50, laborer, white, fair, 5' 6", 140, gray hair, blue eyes; born in **Exaade**, (?), 14 April 1875, resides in Superior, Wis., from Antwerp on the Vaderland. wife MARIE, born in Belgium; arrived NY on 11 April 1907; sworn 18 May 1925.

VAN DAMME, MARIE, 43, housewife, white, fair, 180, brown hair, blue eyes, born **Excaerde**, BEL. 27, Dept 1881, resides in Superior; from Antwerp on the Lapland, husband FRANK; arrived N.Y. 2 Sept 1920; sworn 7 April 1925.

VAN DAMME, HENRIETTA , 23, laundry worker, white, fair, 5' 2' 135#, brown, blue, born in **Escaerde**, Bel. 24 Feb 1902, resides in Superior, Wis. ; from Antwerp on the Lapland, 2 Sept 1920 in New York; sworn 7 April 1925.

VAN LEUVEN, PETER, born in Belgium 1861, arrived N.York July 1890; sworn 30 March 1892

VANHOVE, DESIRE, 24, moulder, white, fair, 5' 7", 150, brown hair, gray eyes, born in **Sweveezele**, Bel. 22 Nov 1890; resides in Superior, Wis. From Antwerp on the Kroonland; arr. N.Y. March 1906; sworn 23 March 1915.

VANKAEM, BATIES, born Belgium 1849, arrived Detroit March 1889; sworn 30 March 1892

WASSENHOVE, TRIPHON, born Belgium, 1879; landed NY March 1898; sworn 31 March 1900.

YOUCK, AUGUST, born Belgium, 1858, arr. NY March 1998; sworn 31 March, 1900.

The Days of Great Poverty.

Taken from "Le Canal du Centre", p 25-28, by J-P Gailliez and C.Norac
Adapted and Translated by Regine Brindle

During the 19th century, for many people, industrial life replaced agricultural life. However, this revolution, instead of benefiting the simple workers, sent them into dramatic poverty.

In Hainaut, the mining industry was the one to experience the most spectacular growth. Beginning in the middle of the century production in that Province alone was equal to France's and greater to Germany's. Other sectors, such as steelworks, glassworks, ceramics, boilerworks followed and used the new fluster means of hauling. Hamlets, like La Louvière, become cities at such a pace that they began to use the twin "mushroom -town". A little further away than La Louvière, Charleroi saw its population multiply by 6 in less than a century. This demographic phenomenon would later become more accentuated (after WWII especially) with the massive arrival of Italians and Poles. This would be the object of terrible exploitation. As they arrive in Belgium these men are asked to sign documents in a language they do not know. The "cantine de Italiens" on the canal at Strépy-Bracquenies, was preserved to show under what conditions these people had to live.

To understand the difficulties that would continue into the 20th century, it is necessary to go back to the sources of the industrial Revolution.

Most workers of the time lived in "chasses", unhealthy hovels, even though there was an urban housing plans in place in some cases (as witnessed by the urban development in Grand-Hornay, or Bois-du-Luc, started in 1838 and which would house 3,000 workers 30 years later)

Men, women, children worked more than 10 hours a day, 6 days a week. Miners, nicknamed "gueules noires" - "black mugs", rarely saw daylight except on Sundays, because they left to work so early and came home so late.

Two out of three didn't know how to read or write. These men lived cut off from the outside world, using nicknames and abiding by their own code of honor and conduct.

Wedge between this new class - the Proletariat - and the affluent who would not let go of their privileges, some of the more progressive members of the middle-Class began to raise their voices to the Belgian Parliament denouncing these injustices.

The exploiters tried to justify themselves. They had hypocritical reports full of lies, drawn by supposedly scientific people. In these, they dared deny the existence of occupational illness, physical deformities, and accident factors. One of them even went so far as to say that if the workers were sick it was not because of the hard labor given in the mine but simply because they were a race of degenerates.

Other theories were put forth to keep putting children to work at the earliest age. Child labor was dangerous and difficult but was the most profitable as it was poorly paid. The economical situation and the contempt displayed by the rich caused many revolts. Trouble started all over the

country, first in Liège, then particularly in Hainaut in 1886¹⁶. The revolts were quelled severely. Their goal was to obtain a right to vote in hope to reform these social injustices.

It is in this context that hydraulic elevator #1 was inaugurated in front of King Leopold II, on June 4th, 1888. A large crowd gathered along the path and hailed: "Vive le roi!" and "Vive le suffrage universel! Vive la République!"

In 1893, a partial victory was won with the obtaining of the plural vote: every citizen 25y and older could vote, however some were allowed 2 or even 3 votes. The following year, the Belgian Workers' Party (POB - Parti Ouvrier belge) created a program during a convention in the Borinage, the Quaregnon Charter.

It took many other battles before every male citizen 21y was able to receive a vote. The universal suffrage took another 26 years, and was won in 1919.

¹⁶ "Memories of the **1886 Strikes**" by Bernard Gille (1873-1944), translated by R Brindle

1886! The riots, the pillaging the fires, the violent strikes, the first parades of miners who had taken up cudgels, but also the bloody quelling. A tragic year. These were not politically organized and didn't have any definite goal. The strikers wanted an improvement in their living conditions:

<i>Nos estons tous bons ouvris</i>	/We are all good workers
<i>No n'dimandons qu'~ travaï</i>	/We only ask to work
<i>Mats tout an travaillant</i>	/But while we are at work
<i>Faut d'ner du point d nos esfants</i>	/We have to correct our kids

Was the song of those who came to stop the work in the factories and the mines.

The next verse shows the budding idea of international workers' solidarity that so many politicians used to advance their careers.

<i>Tous les ouvris</i>	/All the workers
<i>Sont des amis</i>	/Are friends
<i>N'importe dans quel pays</i>	/No matter what their country
<i>Prolétaire réunis</i>	/Workers united
<i>On' travaï pus ainsi</i>	/We won't work this way any more

Châtelet did not experience the strikes as violently as their neighbors but for many months they lived in terror. Bands of rioters

were out pillaging and fleecing the countryside. In March, they observed, from a distance, the red skies of burning glass factories and of the Baudoux Castle in Jumet. The worst rumors circulated, of course, and there was talk to dismiss school. But the army was called in and after some bloody encounters, the order was soon restored.

Belgian Passengers on the SS Montreal April 17, 1907
in route to the Dominion Coal Mines, Cape Breton Island, Coal City, Nova Scotia, Canada
Submitted by Jean DUCAT

S	BERGER , Nestor	28y	miner	Jehay-Bodegree	17 Apr 1907
S	BESIQUE , Paul	26y	miner	La Louviere	17 Apr 1907
H	BOSLY , Emile	31y	miner	Seraing	1906
W	KLUM , Hubertine				Aug 1907
H	CAUME , Dieudonne	37y	miner	Seraing	1906
W	CRINE , Louise				Aug 1907
H	CAUME , Francois	35y	miner	Seraing	1906
W	CRINE , Marie				Aug 1907
	CAUME , Augustin	24y	miner	Seraing	Aug 1907
	CAUME , Julien	23y	miner	Seraing	Aug 1907
	CORTHALS , Ferdinand	28y	miner	Vivegnis	17 Apr 1907
	CORTHALS , Jean	27y	miner	Vivegnis	17 Apr 1907
	DAMBOIS , Lambert	23y	miner	Liege	17 Apr 1907
	DAVIGNON , Joseph	36y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	DEBOIS , Charles	40y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	DELVAUX , Arsene		miner	Charleroi	1903, Maccan , Nova Scotia, Canada
H	DEJECT , Jacob	31y	miner	Seraing	1906
W	GOSSART , Felicie	22y		Seraing	17 Apr 1907
C1	DEJECT , Marthe	5y		Seraing	17 Apr 1907
C2	DEJECT , Marie	3y		Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	DEJECT , Josue	30y	miner	Lize	17 Apr 1907
	DETILLEUR , Jacques	27y	carpenter	Vivegnis	17 Apr 1907
	DONEUX , Florentin	27y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	DUBUY , Francois	31y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	DUMONT , Leopold	30y	miner	Lize	17 Apr 1907
	ELIAS , Gregoire	31y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	EMILE , Hippolyte	27y	miner	La Louviere	17 Apr 1907
	ETENS , Jean-P.		miner	Liege	17 Apr 1907
	HALTER , Henri	33y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	HEUSE , Theophile	24y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	KUYPERS , Francois	25y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	LAFONTAINE , Hubertine	21y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	LECOMPTE , Armand	39y	miner	Flemalle	17 Apr 1907
	LECRENIER , Celestin	40y	miner	Liege	17 Apr 1907
H	LEMELYN , Henri	41y	miner	Lize	1906
W	ANSLOOS , Julienne	33y		Lize	17 Apr 1907
	*Widow of MAESSEN, Francois				
C1	MAESSEN , Lucie	10.5y		Lize	17 Apr 1907
H	LOUIS , Robert	35y		Lize	1906
W	CLEMENS , Lydie	32y		Lize	17 Apr 1907
	MASSART , Victor	38y	miner	Morlanwez	17 Apr 1907
	MOSTEN , Leonard	26y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	NISSEN , Elie	28y	miner	Lize	17 Apr 1907
	PHILIPPE , Auguste	42y	miner	Morlanwez	17 Apr 1907
H	PIRLOT , Theophile	31y	miner	Seraing	1906
W	VAN DEN BROUCKE , Adolphine	28y		Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	POPULAIRE , Jules	37y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
H	SAUVAGE , Jean Baptiste	42y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
C1	SAUVAGE , Jean	19.5y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
C2	SAUVAGE , Oscar	14.5y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	THOMSON , Alfred	32y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	THUNNER , Adolphe	30y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	VANHOVE , Alphonse	30y	miner	Seraing	17 Apr 1907
	WILLEMS ,	26y	miner	Charleroi	17 Apr 1907, Maccan , Nova Scotia, Canada

SERAING - BONCELLES - OUGREE

<http://www.seraing-online.com/histoire.asp?L=fr&M=1>



The origin of Seraing is not well defined. Theories are varied. Some have it going back to Antiquity and have it draw its name from the 4th King of Tongres: Cedros.

Others recognize its name in a text on the War of Gauls, where the "Cérésiens" were part of Caesar's troupes.

The name could also come from a Frank owner who would have named his domain "Seranus".

Writings uncover Seraing for the first time at the beginning of the 9th century, as "Ceranus" then "Serangio" in 911.

In the Hesbaye area, in 956, "Saran" would have indicated Seraing, together with Jemeppe-sur-Meuse, as forming the County of Huy and the Council of Hozémont, one parish.

In 1802, Seraing is mentioned in the Cantatorium of Saint-Hubert during a visit from the abbot to the Bishop of Liège at a house in "Seranus".

Different spellings are: "Serang" (1147), "Serayng" (1151), "Sereng" (1246), "Serangne" (1298), "Serey" (1598), ...

The town chose to take the name of "Seraing-sur-Meuse" on June 17th, 1880, so as to make a difference between "Seraing-le-Château" and "Chapon-Seraing", other communities of the Liège area.

It is only some time later that "Seraing" took its present name.

In 1830, during the building of canal by Cockerill, digs uncovered bones. In 1854, skeleton remains and artifacts such as pottery, jewelry, sabers, iron arrows, etc., dating back to the Frank period (5th or 6th century) were uncovered. It is therefore believed that there was a Frank village around Seraing.

During the Middle Ages, Seraing was owned by the "Mense Episcopale" of Liège and was subject to

the town's troubles. The inhabitants of Seraing had financial as well as military obligations to Liège. They were responsible, for example, for protecting the Pont d'Avroy in times of war. In exchange, they enjoyed freedom from certain taxes.

There was no avoiding Seraing for commercial relations. The Meuse River was the natural link between Wallonia, France and the Netherlands.

To get to Jemeppe-sur-Meuse, also a coal mining region, the Meuse River was reached aboard a ferryboat. Seraing even earned the nickname of "Sêrê à batch". The first bridge in Seraing, built in 1381 was made of wood.

Ougrée also contributed to the economy thanks to the exploitation of its subsoils and its forests.

Bonnelles however depended on Seraing for many years and belonged to the jurisdiction of its Court of Justice. This village was primarily agricultural. It is remembered for its fort's brave fight during both World Wars.

The industrial revolution contributed to the growth of these three communities. Every conditions seem to have favored the situation, most of all, the coal mines and the waterway. The industrials desired therefore, to establish factories.

Quirini-Goreux establishes metalworks in Ougrée, in 1809, that will become the "Fabrique de Fer" of Ougrée. (Iron Works)

John Cockerill created his company in Seraing in 1817 and revolutionized the world of steeworks with high furnaces for coke.

Other factories grew: Usine à Zinc (Zinc works), Laminaires du Haut-Pré (Rolling Mills of Haut-Pré), Société Métallurgique Espérance-Longdoz (Steel Works), ...

The abundance of coal attracted glassworkers from Vonêche who settled at the Val Saint-Lambert in 1825 and created their company, which later became the "Manufacture des Cristalleries du Val Saint-Lambert" (Crystal Works).

This industrial and economic life defines Seraing and its environments.

Since January 1st, 1977, Seraing along with the old towns of Bonnelles, Ougrée and Jemeppe make one single community. It measures 3,548 hectares divided as follows: about 1/3 for the population, 1/3 for the industries and merchants and 1/3 woods. About 61,500 inhabitants live there, with about

39,000 in Seraing and Bonnelles, 11,000 in Jemeppe and 11,500 in Ougrée.



The Pits of Châtelet.

By André Vanden Broeck

Aiseau-Presles

In 1806, foundation of the Pont-du-Loup Nord Company. The Lord of Aiseau, Charles-Alexandre de Gavre and the Baron Joseph Theodore Xavier de Lierneux former Lord de Presles, are the main investors. The land was granted to them in 1828. In 1857, the Société Pont-du-Loup Nord becomes Aiseau-Presles Coal Mine. This company was closed on March 31st, 1977.

Its main pits were: Tergnée, Roselies and Panama.

Ormont

In 1825, création of the Ormont Company. "Société d'Ormont" The owners are Pierre, Jean Baptiste and Adrien Bailly, who received the land in 1844. In 1890, they become an anonymous company

Three pits are started successively:

- Ste Barbe. Commonly known as "Li Fosse Bailly" is located on Rue d'Ormont
- St Xavier, in Bouffioulx
- Carnelle, on the road between Châtelet and Presles

The company closed its doors in 1926.

Boubier

About 1820 a group from Châtelet creates this company. In 1844 it is commonly known as "La Compagnie de Charbonnage du Boubier".

In 1875 the company changes the statutes and becomes an anonymous company. This coal mining enterprise will have important activities in Bouffioulx and in Châtelet They closed their doors on July 1st, 1966

With

Pit#1 and #2 -rue de Couillet in Châtelet

Pit #3 -Bois des Minières in Bouffioulx

Le Carabinier - Pont-de-Loup

At the creation of this company, there are 2 distinct entities:

- Pont-de-Loup sud founded by Guillaume DUMONT, Auguste and Joseph QUIRINI

With 3 pits: - 1. Rue A. Scohy
- 2. Rue du Campinaire

- Carabinier: founded on December 23rd, 1805, granted to Joseph and Guillaume Drapier, Jaumain Pirotte and Carlier The first pit was that of Place St Roch

Le Gouffre

In 1778, the company is created with main investor, the duke of Aremborg, Lord of Châtelineau.

In 1835, the Société Anonyme des Hauts-Fourneaux, Usines et Charbonnages de Châtelineau was created. This company benefited from the participation of the Société Générale de Belgique (a bank).

Two more mergers occur in 1866 then in 1882. That's when the company became known as Société Anonyme des Charbonnages du Gouffre.

In 1949, it takes over the Société Anonyme de Charbonnage du Carabinier.

The company mines about 10 pits in Châtelineau.

The Trieu-Kaisin

This company is mentioned for the first time in 1658. In 1808, it merges with the Grand-Forêt and in 1845 with the Combles and Petit-Forêt. In 1866, they adopt the name of Charbonnages du Trieu-Kaisin in Châtelineau.

With

pits #1 and #2 called Miniers at Gilly

Pit #4 called Sébastopol at Châtelineau

Pit #6 called Duchêne at Montignies-sur Sambre

Pit #8 called Pays-Bas at Châtelineau

Nord de Gilly

In 1746, creation of the "Bois de Soleilmont" Company

In 1795, creation of "XVIII Bonniers de Soleilmont"

In 1874, merger of two companies to form "Société Chaubonnière du Nord de Gilly".

In 1888, they finally become the "Société Anonyme du Nord de Gilly" in Fleurus.

Belgian Emigrants from the Borinage region of Belgium

Combined work of Jean DUCAT, Deb JONES, Phyllis SNYDER and Régine BRINDLE

H MATON , Jean Baptiste Aimable	b. Jemappes	emigrated to Houtzdale, PA, 1903	died in 1929
Son of MATON, Aimable/LIMELETTE, Virginie			
WGERONDEZ, Louise*	b. 29 Nov 1867, Cuesmes	emigrated to Houtzdale, PA, 1903	died in 1932
Daughter of GERODEZ, Louis Ignace Joseph/FINET, Victoire Adolphine*			
c1 MATON, Arthur			
c2 MATON, Jean Baptiste Aimable, Jr.	b. Flenu?	Emigrated to Houtzdale, PA, 1903	
c3 MATON, Leopold		Emigrated to Houtzdale, PA, 1903	
c4 MATON, Louise		Emigrated to Houtzdale, PA, 1903	
listed under Adolphine in entry for GERODEZ, Louis Ignace			
S MATON , Alfred	b. May 1882	emigrated to Westville, IL 1889	
H MAYER , Charles	b. Boussu	Kane, PA 1893	
WANDRIS, Maria ...	b. Lodelinsart?	Kane, PA 1893	
S MOREAU , Napoleon	b. Cuesmes	Patton, PA 1904	
H NEVEND , Edmond Jean	b. 2 Feb 1878, Paris	mar. 3 Dec 1898, Cuesmes	Danville, IL d. 1902
Son of NEVEND, Jeannette			
WDELSAUT, Zélie	b. 29 Dec 1878, Cuesmes		
daughter of DELSAUT, Louis/HERAUT, Adolphine			
c1 NEVEND, Flore	b. 3 Mar 1899, Cuesmes		
H ORLEA , Alexandre	b. 24 Sep 1859	mar. 22 Jul 1882	1 Jan 1908
Son of ORLEA, Philippe (38)/BELOT, Josephine			
WGODARDS, Florence	b. 22 Jul 1882		
H ORLEA , Charles	b. 2 Dec 1861, Cuesmes	emigrated to Danville, IL, 1891- Na	d. 14 Jan 1935
Son of ORLEA, Philippe (38)/BELOT, Josephine			
WMONTGERARD, Mary Louise		married 13 Apr 1888	
c1 ORLEA, Angel	b. Feb 1889, IL	ORLEA, Charles/	
c2 ORLEA, Olive	b. Jan 1891, IL	ORLEA, Charles/	
c3 ORLEA, Phillip	b. IL	ORLEA, Charles/ MONTGERARD, Mary Louise	
c4 ORLEA, Noel	b. IL	ORLEA, Charles/ MONTGERARD, Mary Louise	
H ORLEA , Henri (Henry)	b. 19 Nov 1852, Cuesmes		
Son of ORLEA, Philippe ¹⁷ (38)/BELOT, Josephine ¹⁸		married 4 Dec 1878 ¹⁹ , Cuesmes	to Westville, IL,
1887, Na			died 30 Oct 1932 - Westville, IL
W HECQUET, Clotilde Arthemise	b. 5 Oct 1857, Cuesmes		
Daughter of HECQUET, Benoit/ALGRAIN, Flore		emigrated in 1888	d. 7 Apr 1932 - Westville, IL
c1 ORLEA, Albert	b. 20 Feb 1879, Cuesmes	married Rosa DELANNOIS	d. 1 Nov 1940
c2 ORLEA, Firmin(Freeman)	b. Nov 1880, Cuesmes	married Sidonie VANESSE	d. 29 Nov 1950
c3 ORLEA, Noel Alexandre	b. 17 May 1882, Cuesmes		
c4 ORLEA, Flore (Flora) Ermeline	b. 8 Nov 1883, Cuesmes	md Camille FOUREZ, 5 May 1901, IL	d. 18 Nov 1929, Oakwood, IL
c5 ORLEA, Josephine	b. 14 Apr 1885, Cuesmes		
c6 ORLEA, Lea (Lena)	b. 9 Jun 1887, Cuesmes	md Achilles BOUCHEZ, IL	d. 23 Jan 1938
c7 ORLEA, Clotine (Clotilde)	12 Aug 1891, IL	md John Anthony SPEZIA	d. 28 Jan 1938
c8 ORLEA, infant (twin)	b. 1 Jan 1893, VC, IL		

¹⁷ Philippe ORLEA died in Cuesmes on 12 Feb 1875. His parents were Henri ORLEA and Rosalie GERIN¹⁸ Josephine BELOT died in Cuesmes on 24 Feb 1865. Her parents were:

Pierre Joseph BELOT who died in Cuesmes on 18 Apr 1865 and Constance Caroline DAYE

¹⁹ second marriage for the groom

He first married on 13 Apr 1878 in Cuesmes

Clotilde Arthemise's sister, Hermeline Flore HECQUET, b 4 Nov 1853, Cuesmes - d 4 Nov 1878, Cuesmes?

c9ORLEA, Henry	b. 1 Jan 1893, VC, IL	md Vitaline DETOURNAY	d.10 Mar 1975
c10 ORLEA, Rosa	b. 28 Feb 1895, VC, IL	md Frank SPEZIA	d. 3 Jul 1941
H ORLEA , Noel	b. 23 Dec 1863, Cuesmes	married 23 Oct 1883	died 24 Feb 1937
Son of ORLEA, Philippe/BELOT, Josephine WDESCAMPS, Stephanie			
H ORLEA , Olivier	b. Sep 1860, Borinage		
W..., Florence	b. Sep 1860		
c1ORLEA, Claire	b. Nov 1887, IL		
c2ORLEA, Oliva	b. Nov 1889, IL		
H ORLEA , Phillip Philobert	b. 1 May 1857, Cuesmes	md 22 Feb 1882	d. 30 Jan 1935
Son of ORLEA, Philippe/BELOT, Josephine WLENOYER, Alice Sophronia			
PELERIAU , Sylvain	b. Cuesmes	emigrated to Houtzdale, PA in 1908	
with 3 others			
S PERONNEZ , Joseph	b. Cuesmes	Mc Cartney, PA 1893	
H PICHON , Gustave	b. 12 Jun 1866		d. 3 Jan 1947 - IL
Son of PICHON, Louis ²⁰ / MELIN, Zelia			
WORLEA, Eva	b. 7 Mar 1866, Cuesmes		d. 10 Jan 1945
Daughter of ORLEA, Philippe ²¹ (38)/BELOT, Josephine ²²			
H PICHON , Joseph	b. 26 Apr 1870, Cuesmes	emigrated to Danville Twp, IL, 1879 - Na	
Son of PICHON, Louis/MELIN, Zelia		married 5 Jul 1892	d. 4 Jul 1954, Danville, IL
WTELLIER, Caesarene	b. 24 Sep 1874, Mons		
Daughter of TELLIER, Clement/DELSAUT, Elise			d. 11 Sep 1947, Danville, IL
c1PICHON, Clement	b. Jan 1893, IL		
c2PICHON, Laura	b. Feb 1895, IL		
c3PICHON, Charles	b. Mar 1897, IL		
c4PICHON, Lily I.	B. 27 May 1916, Danville, IL	md. 17 Aug 1933, Danville, IL to Everette E	
MILLER ²³			
H PISCARD ²⁴ , Hilaire	b. 7 Sep 1860, Cuesmes	d. 25 Jan 1941, Vermilion Co., IL	
Son of PISCARD, Florent (28)/LASIMART, Henriette		md. 19 May 1883, Danville?, IL	emig. 1883 - 1900Na
WFONSONS, Fanny (Margaret)	b. 23 Oct 1861	d. 27 Mar 1937, Vermilion Co. IL	
c1PISCARD, Alpha R.	b. 21 Feb 1884, IL	md. 18 Mar 1911 to Hazel Mae MONTGOMERY	
		d. 3 Jan 1961, Vermilion Co. IL	
H PISCART , Florent			
WLASIMART, Henrietta			
c PISCART, Zelia	b. 4 Sep 1868	md. 20 Apr 1884, George WEST	
		md. 10 Feb 1900, Desire STRIN	
		md. 11 May 1914, Frank DENTROUSE	
c PISCART, Alexander	abt 1861	md. 26 Apr 1885, Monique RENE	

²⁰ Louis PICHON (b. 26 Oct 1842, Cuesmes-d 22 Mar 1907, IL) - Zelia MELIN (b 23 Mar 1842- d. 26 Oct 1926) other children are: Flora PICHON (md KELLY) of Chicago, IL; Philomen PICHON (md WIDMAN) of Westville, IL; Charles PICHON, of Danville, IL and Felix PICHON of Coal City, IL

²¹ Philippe ORLEA died in Cuesmes on 12 Feb 1875. His parents were Henri ORLEA and Rosalie GERIN

²² Josephine BELOT died in Cuesmes on 24 Feb 1865. Her parents were:

Pierre Joseph BELOT who died in Cuesmes on 18 Apr 1865 and Constance Caroline DAYE

²³ information from Earl W. Miller -4409 Woodbridge Ct, Raleigh, NC 27612

²⁴ PISCART was changed to BISCART

H PLIEZ , Auguste	b. 2 Nov 1884, Belgium	d. 27 Feb 1953 - heart
WBEAUVOIS, Josephine Sep 1889		
Daughter of BEAUVOIS, Emmanuel/FOUREZ, Marie		
S PLUMART , Juvenal	b. 28 Aug 1882, Cuesmes	emigrated to Danville, IL - 1903
Son of PLUMART, Francois(37)/ GERIN, Josephine Florence		
H PLUMART ²⁵ , Victor	b. 11 Mar 1874, Cuesmes	emigrated to Danville, IL, 1899
Son of PLUMART, Francois/ GERIN, Josephine Florence md. 15 Sep 1894 - Cuesmes		
WCHEVALIER, Josephine	b. 28 Sep 1872, Cuesmes	
Daughter of CHEVALIER, Gratien ²⁶ /VAN COPENOLLE, Justine Juli		
c1 PLUMART, Augusta Clara	b. 7 Apr 1892, Cuesmes	emigrated to Danville, IL, 1899
c2 PLUMART, Vitaline	b. Aug 1897?, Cuesmes	emigrated to Danville, IL, 1899

From our members

Dear Members and friends:

I was recently asked to locate Gallette irons for someone in the Charleston area. I remembered from the start of our club when most were stocking up on them that they were getting them at Shinnston Pharmacy. So I called to find out if they still had them available. They didn't have them in stock but would call their supplier for more. Their supplier said that they have 50 irons left and that the manufacturer has stopped making them.

I am contacting as many of our members and friends as I can to inform them that there are now 35 gallette irons remaining and if you wish to purchase one now or even thinking towards Christmas, now would be a good opportunity to do so. The cost is somewhere between \$15.00 and \$20.00. They are #3, Teflon. Shinnston can have them for you in about 4 days. They will also figure in a shipping and postage cost for you if you are unable to come for them. If you are interested contact Reneé at Shinnston Pharmacy at (304) 592-3962 or Toll free:1-800-592-3962

Sincerely,

Vickie Zabeau Bowden

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Area News

From Wisconsin

Work is continuing on the renovation of the Peninsula Belgian-American Clubhouse at Namur, Wisconsin. Volunteers are painting at the present time. Club members also assisted at the annual Belgian Days celebration at Brussels on July 9. The local Lions Club sponsors this event to raise money for charities.

Twenty-eight visitors from Belgium have returned home after a month-long vacation. They enjoyed a tour of Canada, which included points of interest in Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Ottawa, Trois-Rivieres, Ste. Anne-de-Beaupre, Quebec, and Montreal, as well as whale-watching on the St. Lawrence River, and Niagara Falls. In Wisconsin they visited the State Capitol at Madison, the House on the Rock, and Wisconsin Dells. The Belgian Club hosted a welcoming barbecue, a fishboil, and a farewell dinner-dance for the travelers. As always, the camaraderie was outstanding and the people look forward to meeting again next year in Belgium.

Informational presentations on Belgium, including a display of artifacts, were given by P.B.A.C. members Harry Chaudoir, Dora Baenen, and Mary Ann Defnet at the Brussels Kermisse, September 2, and at the Bemis International Center Fall Fest on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere on September 22.

Mary Ann Defnet

QUERIES

BL01-397: NADON/NADOU

"For a Belgian correspondent: I am trying to locate descendents of Xavier and Prosper CLERIN, natives of St Jean Geest, Belgium.

It is known that Xavier, his wife, Hortense BELLEAU and their 6 children, moved to Wisconsin to Oregon after 1880. One daughter, Marie Louise, became Mrs. Theodore NADON/NADOU and lives at McCleary, Oregon in 1917 (unable to locate on present map)

And Matilda CLERIN NADON/NADOU lived at Salem, Oregon.

Are there any descendents of these two CLERIN girls who would be interested in writing to cousins in Belgium?

Contact Mary Ann DEFNET, 253 Little Road, Green Bay, WI 54301 - MAD 4/10/2001"

Another great link is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wikewaun/>
Explore the web!

²⁵ one more child to above couple: Juvenal PLUMART, b 14 Sep 1895, Cuesmes

²⁶ CHEVALIER, Gratien died on 1 April 1891, Cuesmes